



MARCH 2017

3rd GRADE NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are working hard to prepare your children for the state exams. Throughout the course of January and February, we conducted a few practice tests so that they have a feel of what they will encounter in the near future and so we, the teachers, will know what we need to put more emphasis on to best benefit the students.

Please remember to visit PupilPath to keep track of your child's grades. If you do not have the login information, please request that information from your child's teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation and contribution to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

The 3rd Grade Teacher Team

Ms. Johnson (301) Ms. Roldan (302) Ms. Alli/ Ms. Byer (303) Ms. Campbell (391)

What are we learning?

Math- *Focus: Fractions* - At the end of February, our mathematicians will begin Chapter 8 and 9 on fractions. We are working on identifying if a fraction is greater than, less than, or equal to another fraction and ordering fractions. As we then transition into Chapter 10, our students will be learning about time, length, liquid volume, and mass. For the next six weeks, we will be modeling and administering test prep questions to ensure your children will be ready for the state exam in May.

Science- *Focus: Simple Machines* - The 3rd grade scientists will continue to focus on simple machines such as lever, inclined planes, wedge, pulley, wheel and axel, and screw.

Social Studies- *Focus: Egypt, Nigeria, Peru, and China* - Our researchers will continue to examine the similarities and differences in cultures of different communities around the world. They will be focusing on making connections and summarizing.

ELA- Our readers will be finishing Unit 2B in ReadyGen. We will be looking at different communities and how they are similar and different to the one student's live in.

Important Dates:

March 1st- Coffee with the Principal 9:00am

March 2nd- CEC monthly meeting 6:00pm Sutphin Blvd.

March 7th- SLT meeting 6:00pm / **March 21st** - SLT meeting 4:30pm

March 9th- Science Fair

March 9th: Parent Teacher Conferences (*students invited!*) 12:50pm -2:40pm and 4:30-7:30pm. Keep an eye out for an appointment schedule!

March 10th- PTA Family Game Night 6:00pm / **March 21st**-PTA meeting 6:00pm

March 28, 29 and 30- NYS ELA Exam

Reminders: School starts at 8:20am – Log into i-Ready. Students should be completing a minimum of 2 i-Ready lessons per week in preparation for the upcoming state exams.