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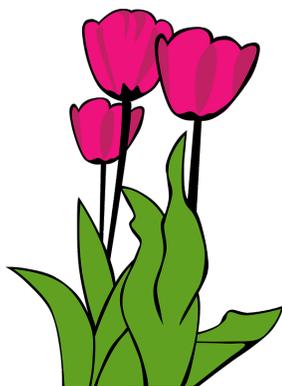
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Third Grade Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25- THURSDAY, MARCH 26: NYS ELA TESTING

FRIDAY, MARCH 27: REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON...

READING

We have been reviewing comprehension strategies with a central focus on how to analyze and interpret various genres of text. We just wrapped up a week focusing on fiction texts and will move into expository nonfiction and narrative nonfiction.

Ask your child about the different skills they are reviewing!

Ask them about the differences between fiction and nonfiction and what are the most important things to look for when reading a short article or story.

Later this month, we will be moving into a cross-curricular study of Native Americans of New York State. In conjunction with our Native American social studies and writing units, we will begin to research Native American life and culture, with a specific focus on the Nations in the Iroquois Confederacy.

Do you know all of the Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy?

WRITING

Building off of last month's Literary Essay unit, we are working on written responses to different genres. We will be reading passages and learning to make claims while backing up our responses with evidence from the text. We will be learning how to write both short and extended responses.

Push your child to always back up their claims or requests with evidence and reasons!

Do they want that toy? Have them give you 3 reasons why and explain them.

MATH

Our next math unit focuses on geometry. In unit 6, students will develop a firm understanding of what exactly makes a square, a square and how it differs from other quadrilaterals.

Ask your child about the properties of certain shapes or see if they can locate different shapes in the real world.

Ask, what makes that particular shape different or similar to other shapes?

SOCIAL STUDIES

Later this month, we will begin a cross-curricular Native American study. Your child will soon become obsessed with Native American culture. They will study clothing, shelter, foods, family roles, government and traditions.

Ask them what they have learned about culture!

Lunch and Recess (from Caren and Olivia)

In recess this month the children have been creating new large scale tag games, improving on their jump roping and beginning to play flag football. Two 5th grade students created a proposal for flag football and talked to our 3rd graders about the rules, expectations and tips for the game. It's been a great success and we are excited that some of our girls are now joining in the fun! A group of 3rd grade girls (Ela, Sydney, Amada and Grace) have been assisting Ms. Gandelman in reorganizing the indoor recess games and equipment--they have been such a great help!



GUGGENHEIM RESIDENCY

Students are beginning their final projects. This month they will be creating clay molds for 3D terrain maps. These clay maps will be photographed and utilized as a base for an amazing collage.

Ask them about the parks and maps they have already created using various materials!
