

# February



## What We Are Learning in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade...

### Literacy

This month we will be entering unit 5 and 6 in our *NY Ready Literacy Program*.

In unit 5, the students will be learning about how maps and photographs help them better understand what they read in a passage. They will also be reading two passages on the same topic and be comparing and contrasting them. We will analyze how both passages provide information that helps us learn more about the topic.

In unit 6, we will be practicing looking at details in pictures and analyzing the clues about the characters, setting and the message of each story. Finally, we will compare and contrast different stories about the same character. Please make sure your children are reading for at least 30 minutes every night.

## Important Dates!

February 5<sup>th</sup>

No School- Lunar New Year

February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Practice NYS Math Test

February 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

No School- Winter Break

### Math

During the month of February, students will be continuing our unit on fractions. We will be learning how to compare fractions and explaining how we know which fractions are greater or if fractions are equivalent. We will also be learning how to compare and order three different fractions from least to greatest or greatest to least.

After winter break, we will begin our chapter on time and measurement. Please have your child practice telling time to the minute on an analog clock.

## Character Counts!

This month's character focus is

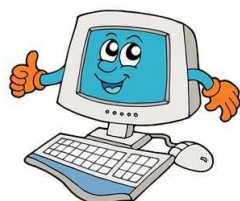
HONESTY

# Honesty

1. Being truthful to others
2. Being truthful to yourself
3. Doing what's right regardless of who's around
4. Being someone others can trust

## Websites and Resources

[www.ps108q.com](http://www.ps108q.com)  
[www.oncourseconnect.com](http://www.oncourseconnect.com)  
[www.mystudent.nyc](http://www.mystudent.nyc)  
[www-k6.thinkcentral.com](http://www-k6.thinkcentral.com)  
[www.myon.com](http://www.myon.com)



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February 2<sup>nd</sup>



February 3<sup>rd</sup>



February 5<sup>th</sup>  
(No school)



February 14<sup>th</sup>

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### Social Studies

In Social Studies, we will continue our unit on China. We will have our Chinese New Year celebration in class on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Throughout this unit, we will learn about the culture, government, economics, landscape, and many more interesting facts about China. Please continue to review the vocabulary words with students each week.

### Science

This month in science, we will be wrapping up chapter 4, Changes in Ecosystems. Students will be studying how living things change their environment to survive, environmental changes that occur which affect living things, and how present day organisms are similar to those that lived long ago. Please be sure they are practicing their vocabulary words each week.

Chapter 5 Vocabulary: **resource, recycle, competition, pollution, drought, endangered, fossil, extinct, prairie**

Our next chapter on Earth's features will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>. In chapter 5, we will discuss Earth's land features, how they change suddenly and over time.

## Writing

February begins our fourth writing unit. Students will be writing their opinion piece on zoos. We will be learning what it means to have an opinion and how we can support our opinion with facts.

This writing piece also has five paragraphs that include an introduction and a conclusion. The children will look for *Glows and Grows* in their writing. They will use the 6-traits of writing to help them score their writing pieces. The students will then present their writing at our *Publishing Party*.

Be sure to review your child's writing goals with them and continue to encourage them to work hard towards those goals.