



FOURTH GRADE



P.S 117

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Fourth Grade Curriculum
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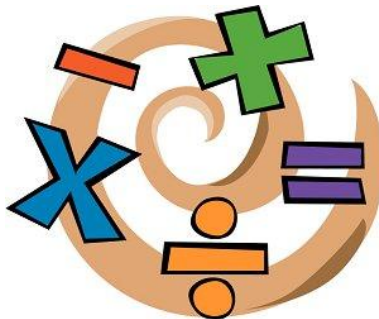
Fourth Grade Curriculum Newsletter

Math

Fourth grade has had a wonderful first month of school! Now that October is here, we will be starting to learn some new topics. In math, we are going to be working on multiplication and division facts.

Science

We will continue to study food chains and webs in science.



Social Studies

In social studies, each class will begin studying Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands. To enhance our study of Native Americans, we have a field trip planned at the end of the month to the Museum of Natural History. This trip will give students the opportunity to see what we will be discussing throughout the month of October.

Reader and Writer's Workshop

It's been a wonderful first month of school at P.S. 117 for our third grade students. In the beginning of the school year third grade concentrates on "Building a Reading Life". That means that we encourage our students to examine their reading. One way to do that is to ask questions such as: What are my favorite books and why? Where do I get my best reading work done? What sort of thinking do I tend to do as I read? What's difficult for me as a reader?

Some of the work we do early in the year include identifying our reading levels, learning how to select a book that is just right (not as simple as it sounds), and most importantly, learning how to monitor our thinking as we read. Asking questions as we read is one way we can grow and change our thinking, which of course is what LEARNING is all about!

The dedicated third grade teachers are working hard to deliver educational experiences that will increase student engagement so that your child will enjoy school and develop a passion for reading and learning. This month we are going to celebrate the new season by reading autumnal poems and stories outdoors in our school gardens. In doing so we hope to reinforce the notion that reading can and should be enjoyed in a variety of places.

You can support this work at home by creating an evening reading routine in your family. Try to establish a time when you and your child read alongside each other and talk about what you read. Even if you are only able to do this a few times a week, you will help your child grow as well as share precious time together.