

Mrs. Phillips' Weekly Focus

August 6-10, 2018



This first week will be one of review. We will do a little placement testing on Study Island so that I can figure out where we need to start and who has forgotten what over the summer.

On Friday all third graders will participate in Watermelon Day – learning about, writing about, and tasting watermelons!

Reading - review week

Students will take the Reading Diagnostic test on Study Island. This will help me to understand where our students are academically and what areas I need to address.

Students will also review basic reading and comprehension skills with a series of short readings followed by comprehension questions.

Students will learn to choose appropriate books for silent (by yourself) reading. And learn how to work in reading centers.

Spelling (LA Standard 3.W.6.2)

The first Spelling list is a review list using words that students learned last year. The list was distributed last Friday. There will be a trial test on Wednesdays and a final test on Fridays. If a student get 100% on the trial test, he/she is excused from taking the final test. There is a link to the link on the parent information section of our weebly page.



Third graders also participate in four spelling bees throughout the year, one each quarter. The Spelling Bees are generally the last week of each grading period. The list for the first nine weeks will be sent home Friday.

English (LA Standard 3.W.6.1)

This week students will begin to create a reference journal that will be used and expanded during the entire school year. Students will begin to focus on writing a complete sentence.

Math (Standards 3.NS.1, 3.NS.2)

This week is also a review week in math. Students will take the Diagnostic Test on Study Island. Students will review second grade skills (addition, subtraction). We will also begin in our math book with lessons IN1 (reading and writing numbers to 1000 using words, models, standard form and expanded form and IN2 (Comparing numbers up to 1000). At this point spelling in math becomes very important. Student must know how to correctly spell their numbers and mathematical terms. There will be homework on Wednesday and Thursday if work is not finished in class. We will have a very short adding and subtracting quiz on Thursday (adding) and Friday (subtracting). These will be over the basic facts (sums to and differences from 20).

Social Studies (Standard 3)

We alternate between Science and Social Studies, doing both at some point each nine weeks.

We will begin with some computer science skill review. Students will then begin learning about maps and globes. Students will have a basic map overview (including cardinal and intermediate directions) and then focus on continents. There will be a quiz on continents and oceans next week. On that quiz students will be given a blank map and the names of the continents and oceans and ask to locate them in the correct place. There will also be a compass rose to complete.

