

# Mrs. Phillips' Weekly Focus March 11-15, 2018

We have **I Read practice** this week. We will take the actual test on the 19th.

## Reading: (LA Standards 3.RN.1, 3.RN.2, 3.RN.3, 3.RN.4, 3.RV.1, 3.RV.2, 3.RF.1, 3.RF.4, 3.RF.5)

This week's story is Suki's Kimono. It is a realistic fiction story that compares and contrasts cultures. Our question of the week is How does culture influence the clothes we wear. We will work on comparing and contrasting. Next week will be a review week and then after break we will begin reading the novel Charlotte's Web as a class.



**Tested Vocabulary:** cotton, festival, graceful, handkerchief, paces, pale, rhythm, snug

**Amazing Words** (words that are good to know and expand our vocabulary, but are not tested): traditional, fret, scarves, fabric, acceptable, inspire, robe, drape, elegant, stylish

We will have an open book **comprehension quiz** over the story on Thursday and a **vocabulary quiz** on Friday.

Students will finish up book talks this week and next. We will probably only have one more book talk this year. I will put off beginning it until mid-April.

## Spelling: (LA Standard 3.W.6.2)

This week's spelling list (#25) deals with consonant- vowel / vowel-consonant patterns. The list was sent home on Friday the 17th. Some students have 15 words, some have 20, and some have 25. There will be a trial test on Wednesday and a **final test** on Friday. The list can also be found on the Parent information page under spelling lists.

## English: (LA Standard 3.W.6.1)

The Grammar rule this week is about adjectives and articles. There will be a grammar quiz on Friday.

We will continue working on writing skills.

### Adjectives

An adjective is a word that can *describe a person, place or thing*. Adjectives tell more about nouns. To help you identify adjectives, find a noun, and ask the following questions: *What kind? Which one? How many?*

Adjectives *Many* people wore *bright* clothes to the *annual* parade.  
*How many* people? *What kind* of clothes? *Which* parade?

### Articles

Articles are special adjectives. *A, an, the* are article adjectives.

Articles *The* child wore *an* orange sweater and *a* blue jacket.

- Use articles *a* and *an* with singular nouns.
- *An* is used before a word that begins with a vowel sound
  - *an* egg, *an* empty box, *an* old coat
- Use article *the* before singular or plural nouns.

## **Math:** (Math Standard 3.G2., and all of the process standards)

This coming Friday's timed test will be over **mixed operations (multiplication and division)**.

Monday - Introduce Topic 15 - Attributes of Two Dimensional Shapes  
Pages Vocabulary and 805-806

Tuesday - Topic 15-1 Describing Quadrilaterals  
Pages 811-814      assignment pages 815-816

Wednesday - Topic 15-2 Classifying Shapes  
Pages 817-820      assignment pages 821-822

Thursday - Topic 15-3 Comparing Quadrilaterals  
Pages 823-826      assignment 827-828

Friday - Topic 15-4 Working with Precision  
Pages 829-834

**Vocabulary:** polygon, side, quadrilateral, angle, vertex, trapezoid, parallel, parallelogram, rectangle, right angle, rhombus, square, convex, concave

## **Social Studies:** (Standard 3)

We will learn about our natural resources and how we can protect them.

**Vocabulary:** environment, renewable, non-renewable, resource, recycle, ecosystem