

Third Grade	October 2023
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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, October 11th** - Schools Open 4 Hours Late - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, October 12th** - Schools Open 4 Hours Late - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, October 13th** - 3 ½ Hour Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, October 20th** - Schools Closed for Students
- Friday, October 27th** - Schools Closed for Students
- TBD** - Class Halloween Parties (watch for information coming home)

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading:

Students will continue working in Module 2 (Use Your Words). The genre focus is letters and poetry which will provide them with opportunities to identify elements of poetry and figurative language in order to better understand unfamiliar texts. Students will also encounter memoir and fantasy to build knowledge across genres. As students build vocabulary and synthesize topic knowledge, they will learn that words can take them on an adventure or teach them something new.

Near the end of October, we will start Module 3 (Let Freedom Ring). The focus of this module will be on students building knowledge about the documents and symbols of the United States, with a focus on the nonfiction genre. Students will read texts that help them answer the essential question: How do historic places, documents, and symbols represent our nation? Along with learning content to answer that essential question, students will read and spell words with 3 letter blends and silent letters. We will also be summarizing as well as identifying the author's purpose.

Learn more about how you can support your child at home in [Module 2](#) and [Module 3](#).

Writing:

In writing's Module 2, students will learn the components of a letter. They will write a letter to their future self that will identify their hopes or dreams for themselves in the future. In Module 3, students will write a descriptive essay. They will learn organizational structures and ways to combine sentences to write compounds and complex sentences. In each module, students will be guided through the process of brainstorming and organizing their ideas prior to writing, drafting, revising and editing, and publishing their written work.

MATH

This month we begin working in Unit 2 - Multiplication and Division. Over the course of Unit 2, students will learn that:

- multiplication is a way of combining equal groups,
- there are many models and strategies to help you multiply,
- you can multiply numbers in any order,
- you can use place value to multiply,
- division means separating a total number of objects into equal-sized groups, and
- multiplication and division are connected

In addition, we will continue to focus on problem solving. Students have been working on reading word problems carefully. They then identify what the problem is about, determine what question they are being asked to answer, and look back into the problem to find mathematical information to help them find the answer.

SCIENCE

This month we will move on to our second unit - Weather and Climate. In this unit students will explore the differences between weather and climate, the different ingredients that make up weather, and the tools that measure weather. The students will also learn about the climate regions of the world and then compare those climate regions to the United States and Maryland. The end of the unit will focus on natural hazards created by severe weather.

PATHs UPDATES

The PATHS program teaches and reinforces many key aspects of Social Emotional Learning, shown through research to improve behavior, reduce conflict and improve academics. This month, we will continue to practice using the control signals poster when solving problems. Being able to stop and calm down is critical, and using the control signals consistently will help students develop better self control.