

Third Grade

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 22nd- Schools and Offices Closed: Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 23rd- Schools and Offices Closed: Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24th- Schools and Offices Closed: Thanksgiving Break

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading:

Students will start working in Module 3 (Let Freedom Ring). The genre focus of this module will be on nonfiction and students will be building knowledge about the documents and symbols of the United States. 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.

Near the end of November, we will start Module 4 (Stories on Stage). The focus of this module will be on students building knowledge about the features of drama. Students will read texts that help them answer the essential question: Why might some stories be better told as plays? Along with learning content to answer that essential question, students will read and spell words with the prefixes in- (not) and im- (into).

Learn more about how you can support your child at home in [Module 3](#) and [Module 4](#).

Writing:

In writing's Module 3, students will learn the components of a descriptive essay. They will write a descriptive essay about a place they are familiar with. They will learn organizational structures and continue to focus on how to write in complete 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.

In writing's Module 4, students will learn the components of a narrative story. They will write a narrative story about a person who helped make a difference and what they did to help someone else. 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 will continue 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 have started 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 the Golden Rule and cooperative learning skills.