

Third Grade	April 2024
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Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 29th - Friday, April 5th** - Spring Break: Good Friday, Schools Closed
- Monday, April 8th** - Return to School
- Wednesday, April 10th** - Report Cards Sent Home

Spring Testing Schedule (Please avoid scheduling appointments during these times.)

Monday, April 15th 12:30PM - 2:40PM	Tuesday, April 23rd 9:00AM - 11:15AM
Tuesday, April 16th 9:00AM - 11:15AM	Monday, April 29th 12:30PM - 2:40PM
Thursday, April 18th 9:00AM - 11:15AM	Tuesday, April 30th 9:00AM - 11:15AM
Monday, April 22nd 12:30PM - 2:40PM	Monday, May 6th 12:30PM - 2:40PM

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading:

Students will continue to work on Module 7 (Make a Difference). In this module, students will listen to, read, and view a variety of texts and media that provide information about building communities. A genre focus on narrative nonfiction provides students with opportunities to identify the author's purpose, text structure, and text and graphic features in order to better understand unfamiliar texts. As students build their vocabulary and synthesize topic knowledge, they will learn more about the way a dedicated individual or group of people can help make a community stronger and better that help answer the essential question: *How can one person make a meaningful difference in their local or global community?*

Learn more about how you can support your child at home in the [Module 7](#) Family Connection Newsletter.

Writing:

The writing focus for Module 7 will have students writing an opinion essay about how their choices can have positive or negative effects at school. Throughout this module, with guidance and support, students will develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing components of an opinion writing piece.

In addition to our writing tasks, students will continue working to understand grammar skills to improve their writing. Students will work to form and use regular and irregular verbs as well as explain the function of adverbs in sentences. Students will also continue to practice writing in complete sentences by using commas and punctuation marks in their writing.

MATH

This month we begin working in Unit 5 - Measurement: Time, Liquid Volume and Mass. Over the course of Unit 5, students will:

- tell and write time to the nearest minute
- find the ending time in word problems
- find the starting time in word problems
- understand a unit of 1 liter
- use liters to estimate liquid volume
- solve word problems about liquid volume
- understand units of 1 gram and 1 kilogram
- use grams and kilograms to estimate mass
- solve word problems about mass

There is a continued focus on problem solving in all aspects of this unit. 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.

SOCIAL STUDIES

In the beginning of April, we will complete our second social studies unit: Civics and Government in Maryland. Students will continue to explore the question, “How do our communities work, and how can we make a difference in them?” We have learned about the structure and function of the Maryland State government. Next, students learn ways in which they can make a difference in their communities and the importance of civic engagement. Finally, students will explore a current issue and develop an action plan that addresses the issue.

In the last week of April, we will begin the final social studies unit: Cultural Groups and Their Influence on Maryland Over Time. Students will learn about several cultural groups and explore how they have had an influence on the state of Maryland.

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, identifying emotions, and how to be a good friend.