

# 3rd Grade Notes

February 2019

## Language Arts

- Reading
  - Reading Fiction - We will be examining illustrations and how they contribute to the story, such as set the tone or create a mood/feeling.
  - As you read books at home, ask your child how the pictures make the story feel: Bright colors = happy, dark = sad or gloomy
- Writing Unit: Opinion
  - Students will learn about elements of opinion writing. We will be focusing on strong reasons to support our opinion and persuade others to think the way we do.
  - Discuss with your child the difference between facts and opinions. Ask them what their opinion is and give reasons to support.

## Math

- We are finishing up Unit 6, focusing on elapsed time and line plots
- We will start a new unit, Reasoning with Fractions, where we will work to master these standards. Comparing fractions is a new skill in this unit.
- Check out our Family Home Connection Newsletters for ideas to connect learning at home
  - [Unit 6](#)
  - [Unit 7](#)

## Science - Forces and Interactions

- Students will conduct experiments to explore force and motion
- Students will develop an understanding of patterns of motion and how future motion can be predicted from them.
- At home, discuss the cause and effect relationships of forces and motion, such as pushing the chair in at the table, pulling a draw open. What forces use more energy than other and why.

## Upcoming Events

- February 14th - Valentine's Day - Students can bring in Valentines to hand out to classmates - no candy and please include all classmates
- February 18th - No School - Presidents' Day