

# THIRD GRADE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2009

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Students will continue with the unit, "What's New". The theme of this unit is learning about our world through new experiences. The key strategies taught in this unit are compare and contrast, characterization, theme, author's purpose, author's viewpoint, main idea and details.

We appreciate your support in helping your child reach their reading goal of 15 minutes daily.

Just a reminder that the first nine-week **Mini-Research** is due no later than **October 19th**. Please refer to the rubric for project requirements.

## MATH

The students will continue adding and subtracting larger numbers with regrouping along with problem solving. Students will then begin measurement. They will learn the customary units: inch, foot, yard, and mile. They will also learn the metric units: centimeter, decimeter, and meter. They will be estimating and comparing capacity and weight.



### Items of Special Interest

**Oct. 6**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Achievement Test**

**Oct. 12**  
**No School**

**Oct. 19**  
**Mini-Research due**

**Oct. 23**  
**End of first nine weeks**

**Oct. 30**  
**Report cards sent home**

## SCIENCE

Science classes are finishing their unit on soil. Students have been observing different types of soil properties and experimenting with layers of soil. We will soon begin a unit about rocks and learn about different kinds of rocks through observation and hands on activities.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

The students will be learning about urban, suburban, and rural communities. North Canton will be discussed and compared to other suburban communities.

## MUSIC

Our focus this month is preparing for our winter program. The winter program will feature the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, band, orchestra, and choir on December 2nd at Hoover Hall.



## ART

Third grade students are solving an artistic mystery. They will be given a piece of a famous masterpiece. Using a graphing technique, they will draw their piece and color it. When they finish, the pieces will be put together to find out what artist created the work.

*When we do the best  
that we can, we never know  
what miracle is wrought in  
our life, or in the life  
of another.*

HELLEN KELLER

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In September we learned some new exercises and warm-up routines as we played "It's in the Cards" and "Dice Roll". The primary focus this month was manipulative skills. Third graders worked on dribbling, passing, catching, and ball handling challenges. Activities such as "The Penny Game", "Dream Team Basketball", and "13 Hoops" were played for skill practice. During the month of October, students will work on Chinese Jump Rope (adding on their skill set from second grade) and Shuffleboard.