



# Third Grade Press

Welcome to the Third Grade Press! This newsletter will be sent home at the end of each quarter to inform third grade families about curriculum and upcoming events.

<p><b>Reading <i>This quarter:</i></b> Students worked to identify characteristics of realistic fiction stories and explain techniques authors use to enable readers to connect with their stories. At the end of the quarter, third graders wrote their own realistic fiction picture books.</p> <p><b><i>Next quarter:</i></b> To begin quarter two, students will be working with informational texts. They will be reviewing text features as well as reading to perform a task.</p> <p><b>Writing <i>This quarter:</i></b> Students worked on writing for personal expression. They explored the use of sensory detail in their writing and created a well developed paragraph detailing an observation of another grade level at Ritchie Park.</p> <p><b><i>Next quarter:</i></b> Students</p>	<p>will work on writing to inform. Over the quarter they will learn how to research using books and online encyclopedias. They will also write introductory, body, and concluding paragraphs pertaining to a state they have researched.</p> <p><b>Math 3 <i>This quarter:</i></b> Students completed Unit 1-Place Value, Graphing, and Addition and Subtraction. Assessment scores will be distributed to parents at conferences.</p> <p><b><i>Next quarter:</i></b> Students just began Unit 2-Measurement. This unit covers estimating and measuring length, converting between units, and problem solving with are perimeter.</p> <p><b>Math 4 <i>This quarter:</i></b> Students recently completed Unit 1-Geometry, Graphing, and Place Value. Assessments scores will be distributed to parents at conferences.</p>	<p><b><i>Next quarter:</i></b> Students just began Unit 2-Number Relationships. This unit covers multiplication and division fact families, order of operations, factors and multiples, and divisibility rules.</p> <p><b>Science <i>This quarter:</i></b> Students completed Unit 1-Crime Lab Chemistry. They learned about the process of chromatography and classified finger prints.</p> <p><b><i>Next quarter:</i></b> Unit 2-Sound begins after winter break. Students will explore the relationship between vibrations and pitch.</p> <p><b>Social Studies <i>This quarter:</i></b> Students learned about map skills and geography concepts.</p> <p><b><i>Next quarter:</i></b> As part of the geography unit, students will also learn how their community has changed over time and how people have contributed to its change.</p>
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- Important Dates**
- November 1**  
Second Marking Period Begins
  - November 10-11**  
Early Release for Conferences
  - November 23**  
Early Release
  - November 24-25**  
Thanksgiving Break

## Noteworthy News

<p><b>Conferences</b></p> <p>Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 10 and 11. Please make sure you have signed up to conference with your child's math and language arts teacher.</p>	<p><b>Assignment Books</b></p> <p>Please check your child's assignment book each night. The assignment book includes both homework assignments and notes from your child's teacher. Any letters your child receives should be initialed.</p>	<p><b>Follow us on Twitter</b></p> <p>One way we are communicating reminders this year is through our twitter account. You can follow us @RPEStthirdgrade .</p>
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