

## Math: As you know, we are working through unit 1 in our new math curriculum. We have completed the first investigation: things that come in groups. The main math idea of this investigation was the the kids understand the meaning of multiplication. Next week, we will work on skip counting and the 100 charts. The main math ideas are that kids start learning their multiplication facts as they have a more solid understanding of multiplication. I hope the family letters that are coming home are helpful!! Please let me know if you have any questions.

## Reading: We have officially launched our third grade reading workshop. We have talked about what reading workshop looks like in 3rd grade, explored our classroom library, practiced choosing “just right” books, and have completed some of the fall reading assessments. Next week we will be talking about how to TALK about our books, and how do we LISTEN to others when talking about books.

## Writing: We started our narrative writing unit. Kids have started writing true stories about themselves. Our focus this week has been coming up with LOTS of story ideas. One way to come up with ideas is to think of a special person and list small moments you have had with that person. Another way to think of true story ideas is to pick a special place and map it out on paper (we will do this activity Monday!) As you map it out, think of all the moments you have had here! Kids have practiced both of these strategies and started to write lots of true stories. Next week, we will set goals for our narrative writing unit (by looking at our unit check-list), and talk about how we can use our storyteller’s voice to complete our stories!

## Friday Letter Home: Today in your third graders folder you will see a bright orange notebook! Every Friday each third grader will write a letter home to their families about their week at school. Please sign this letter and send it back on Monday! This is another way we communicate with families at home throughout the year. If you’d like, feel free to write your third grader a letter back on the following page – they LOVE this!

Sincerely,

Kate O’Leary ☺

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Snapshot of the Week:

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**While you’re sitting around the dinner table, ask your child…**

-There are 4 stars, each star has 5 points, how many points in all?

-How do you know if a book is “just right” for you?

-Who was the special person/animal you chose to write about in writing?

-What was the special place you chose to write about in writing?

## **Important Dates…**

-Tuesday, 9/19: Williams Safety Day!

-Thursday, 9/21: No School, Rosh Hashana