



# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE PIXEL PRESS

MS. SHAW'S CLASS  
NEWSLETTER #11  
WEEK OF: NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> – NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

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## SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday: P.E.

Tuesday: Art & P.E.

Thursday: P.E. & Library

Friday: Music & Computers

## LITERACY THIS WEEK

### READER'S WORKSHOP

This week, students will continue to explore how nonfiction text structures help readers determine important information and deepen their understanding of a topic or subject. In addition, students will use the mentor text *Animal Tongues* by Dawn Cusick to learn how to stop and use "fix-up" strategies when what they are reading does not make sense. They will also learn how to reread the text and use strategies to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words or phrases. Lastly, students will use the mentor text *Waiting for Ice* to identify the author's purpose for writing a text in order to better analyze the content and make inferences.

### WRITER'S WORKSHOP

This week, students will be introduced to some of the distinguishing characteristics of nonfiction writing. Students will use the mentor text, *Are You A Snail?* By Judith Allen to explore how one author examines her subject deeply. In addition, students will work with our Media Specialist, Mrs. Lynch, to finish typing their narratives and add a dedication page and/or about the author page. Lastly, students will use the Book Creator app to transform their weekend news entries into a digital book.

## SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

This week, we will finish our Midwestern States Projects in class. We will begin presenting this week and continue into the following week.

### Social Studies Game:

Last week, students were given the capital of a country and asked to give directions on how to get there from Chicago, Illinois. They were asked to explain the direction you would fly in a plane, the hemisphere on which it is located, what continent and country it is a part of, the oceans that are close to it, and the countries that surround it. This is a great game that you can continue to play with your child to practice his/her map skills!



## MATH LESSONS THIS WEEK

**EUREKA MODULE 2: LESSONS 20 & 21, END-OF-MODULE 2 REVIEW, AND END-OF-MODULE 2 ASSESSMENT**

This week, students will estimate differences by rounding and apply to solve measurement word problems. A study guide for the End-of-Module 2 Assessment will be sent home on Monday. On Thursday, we will review our study guide for the End-of-Module 2 Assessment on Friday.

### MATH TIP ...

When your child comes home with graded papers, work with him/her to find where a mistake was made and have him/her correct it. This is a great way for students to strengthen their understanding and help them avoid making similar mistakes in the future.



## TEACHER NOTES...

I WILL BE SENDING OUT A REMINDER OF PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE TIMES THIS WEEK AS WELL AS A PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE. THE PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE DUE ON NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>. THIS WILL ALLOW ME TO MAKE SURE THAT I COVER ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**—End-of-Module 2 Math Study Guide goes home

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** -Teacher Institute Day-No School

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** -End of the Trimester Celebration

Assembly **November 11<sup>th</sup>** -End-of-Module 2 Math

Assessment **November 16<sup>th</sup>** -Spirit Day Wear Brown; Hot Dog Day; PFA Board Meeting @ 9:30am; Parent Questionnaire due

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** -Report Cards go home

**November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** -Parent Teacher Conferences

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>** - Thanksgiving Break