

3RD GRADE PIXEL PRESS MS. SHAW'S CLASS NEWSLETTER #16 WEEK OF: DECEMBER 19TH - DECEMBER 21ST

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SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday: P.E.

Tuesday: Art & P.E.

Thursday: P.E. & Library

Friday: Music & Computers

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

This week, we will review for and take the Social Studies Chapter 3: *What is the Geography of Our Community?* Test. The test is on Tuesday, December 20th.

If you are taking a trip over Winter Break, have your child use a map to explain the direction you will be traveling, the distance you will travel to get there, and what the geography is like.

LITERACY THIS WEEK

READER'S WORKSHOP

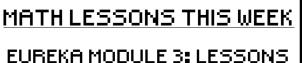
This week in Reader's Workshop, students will use their knowledge of nonfiction text structures to help sort and chunk important information. Students will learn how to use the description text structure to summarize the main idea(s) and supporting details to demonstrate understanding using the shared text "Chimpanzees Us Many Different Objects as Tools" from Zoobooks: Chimpanzees. Lastly, students will complete their "Warming Up to a Good Book" winter craft and book review.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

This week in Writer's Workshop, students will examine how Gail Gibbons relies on illustrations and diagrams to support her writing in the mentor text, *The Honey Makers*. Students will then begin to sketch images or graphics that contain additional information about their own nonfiction topics.

Next, Students will examine how an author's purpose guides the structure, language, and tone of his or her writing by comparing two very different styles of nonfiction books written about the same topic.





OREKH MODULE 3: LESSONS 17, 18, AND GUIDED MATH STATIONS

This week students will identify patterns in multiplication and division facts using the multiplication table. Students will also solve two-step word problems involving all four operations and assess the reasonableness of solutions.

On Wednesday, we will rotate through guided math stations to review key concepts, reinforce problem-solving strategies, and improve our math fact fluency. TEACHER NOTES ...

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE, WARM, AND WONDERFUL WINTER BREAK! COLD DAYS ARE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO COZY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK! SEE YOU ON JANUARY



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 20th – Social Studies Chapter 3 Test December 21st – Winter Class Party December 22nd - January 4th – Winter Break, No School December 31st – Happy Birthday Eamon! :) January 5th – School Resumes January 6th – Bowling "A" @ Palos Lanes 4:00p.m. January 9th – Winter MAP Testing Opens January 11th – PLC Day, 1:30p.m. Dismissal; School Board Meeting @ District Office 7:00p.m.