



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

MS. SHAW'S CLASS  
NEWSLETTER #16  
WEEK OF: DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

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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 20<sup>th</sup>.

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 Use 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.



## MATH LESSONS THIS WEEK

### EUREKA 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  
5<sup>TH</sup>!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Social Studies Chapter 3 Test

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Winter Class Party

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 4<sup>th</sup>** – Winter Break, No School

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** – Happy Birthday Eamon! : )

**January 5<sup>th</sup>** – School Resumes

**January 6<sup>th</sup>** – Bowling “A” @ Palos Lanes 4:00p.m.

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** – Winter MAP Testing Opens

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** – PLC Day, 1:30p.m. Dismissal; School Board Meeting @ District Office 7:00p.m.