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## Third Grade Newsletter

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<p><b>Reading-Character Study</b></p>	<p>In <b>Reader's Workshop</b>, readers will be enjoying fiction books. We pay close attention on how characters' act, think, and feels. Students should be able to describe character traits and motives. At home, readers should be thinking about these characters and their actions and writing about them in the Readers Notebook. Please make sure your child is reading for 40-45 minutes every night and logging their work on their reading logs.</p>
<p><b>Writing-Persuasive/Opinion Essays</b></p>	<p>In <b>Writer's Workshop</b>, we are continuing to craft persuasive essays that present a claim about a topic that writers feel strongly about. In the essay, students will include facts and details that support their opinion. Students will present their information in an organized format by using Thinking Maps to structure their information. At home, please make sure that your child is drafting opinion essays that convey their claim about a topic of interest that they feel strongly about.</p>
<p><b>Math-Division</b></p>	<p>This month in <b>math</b>, we will learn to relate division to multiplication. We will be using several strategies and learning vocabulary associated with division. We will be solving multi-step word problems. At home, ask your child, "How did you solve the problem?" and "Is there another way to solve this problem?"</p>
<p><b>Social Studies-China</b></p>	<p>This month in <b>social</b> studies, we are continuing to study China and how geography affects the people who live there. In class, we will be focusing on aspects of culture: traditions, clothing, holidays, folklore, economy, government, food as well as the history of the region. After our study of China we will move into a unit of study on Europe. Stay tuned for more information!</p> <p>If you would like to research more about China at home, you can use the websites: <a href="http://www.ducksters.com/history/china/ancient_china.php">http://www.ducksters.com/history/china/ancient_china.php</a> or <a href="https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/china/">https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/china/</a></p>
<p><b>Science-Animal Adaptations</b></p>	<p>This month in <b>science</b>, we are learning about <b>animal adaptations</b>. At home, continue conversations about science by having your child give you examples of how animals use their adaptations to survive. We will continue to close read in science so that students understand complex text and vocabulary about animal adaptations. A helpful website to learn more about animal adaptations is <a href="https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals">https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals</a></p>

### Focus of the Month: Reading Workshop Family Fun Friday is on January 12, 2018

AT PS24 every student from Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade is taught reading skills and strategies in Reading Workshop. The students read both fiction and nonfiction books in many different genres. Please monitor your child's reading log on nightly basis and encourage them to talk and write about their books.