



# Classroom Times



Third Grade

Date: October 2008

## What We're Studying

During the next month we will be...

**Math:** ... completing our addition and subtraction unit.

**Reading:** ... studying novels and story elements (setting, character, problem, and solution). We will also begin studying the text features of nonfiction (captions, headings, subheadings, and sidebars). Along with adding to our "Good Reader Strategies."

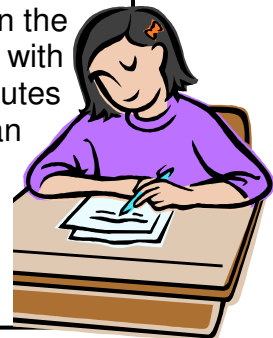
**Writing:** ... continuing to write more focused pieces. We will also begin practicing how to write interesting beginnings, descriptive middles, and touching endings.

**Science:** ...studying matter and beginning to learn about simple machines.

**Social Studies:** ...reviewing the contributions of famous explorers.

## How You Can Help

In our experience, students cannot move on to higher level reasoning in mathematics until they master their basic math facts. Each third grade class will be performing frequent drills beginning with basic addition, subtraction and multiplication facts. You can help your child prepare by studying with flashcards or using a homemade drill worksheet. You can even call out math facts to your child while driving in the car or waiting in the doctor's office! Please work with your child for at least 10 minutes each night. Together, we can help your child succeed.



*Thanks!*

## Birthdays

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to all of those celebrating a birthday during the month of October.



Mrs. Gomez

Ms. Johnson

Brandon  
Gene  
Dylan

Mrs. Quiroz

Mrs. Espinoza

## Upcoming Events

Here are some reminders for October:

**Friday, October 10, 2008**

11:45 Early Release

**Monday, October 13, 2008**

Holiday! Columbus Day

**Friday, October 17, 2008**

FIELD TRIP!—Witte Museum

**Friday, October 24, 2008**

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks

Look for a letter about Student Led Conferences during the month of October.

