

# Dallastown Area School District

# Room 213

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## Dates to remember:

- September 6: No School
- September 20: No School

## Help Wanted

If you would be interested in coming in as a guest speaker or as a volunteer in our classroom, please email me at

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and we will work on finding a way for you to participate.

## Reading Strategies

- **Monitoring:** Stop and ask yourself: Does what I read make sense? Why did the author use that type of language? What does that word mean?
- **Visualizing:** Try to picture what is happening in the text in your head.
- **Make a connection with the text:** I remember when... or that reminds me of...

**More To Come!!**

## Welcome Back To School

### Welcome

Welcome to room 213! I hope you had a wonderful summer (I know I did!) and are ready to dive into third grade! This year is going to be very exciting. I have spent many hours planning hands-on, interactive lesson plans that will allow your child to learn through personal experience. It is my goal to engage each student and create a classroom environment that promotes asking questions and self-discovery.

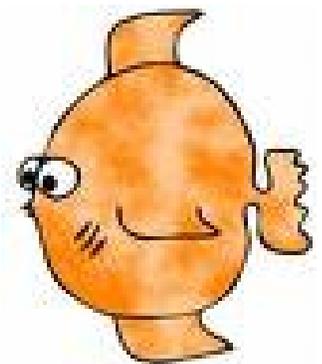
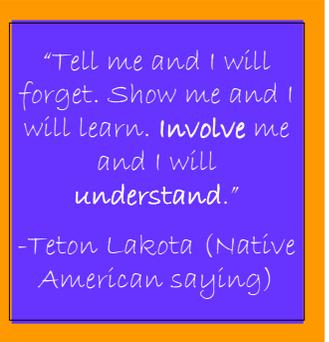
### Math

In Math we will be testing to form our flexible math groups. There is opportunity for students to move within a marking period if their performance is exceptional. At the end of every marking period, we will take a post test and a pretest which will help us determine their math grouping for the next marking period. The first

part of the year will be focused on reviewing those addition and subtraction facts! We will also look at money, regrouping, and much more! If you have any flashcards from second grade, now is a great time to refresh those skills at home!

### Science

Science is one of my favorite subjects to teach because it allows the students to discover information on their own through experiments. We will begin with earth science (land forms, water cycle, etc.) and I will provide as many opportunities as possible for your child to become a scientist in our classroom. We also have a few field trips planned to tie into our science curriculum.



## A glance at September

### Reading

Interaction with the text will be the focus of our first marking period in reading. We will discuss how to make meaningful connections, predictions, and introduce our reading logs for the year. Our interactive reading time will be centered around books that will help us

build our classroom community. Students will discuss friendship and how to create a safe environment in our room. At home, students should be reading each night for 15 minutes with an adult. Parents, it is extremely beneficial for your child to hear you use the reading strategies provided in the left hand column. Modeling is a

powerful tool. When your child is able to see strategies adults use to comprehend text, the more they will begin to utilize those strategies we learn in class to improve their comprehension.



Classroom News  
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*Dive Into Third Grade!*

Check out our classroom website!  
[www.smiththirdgrade.weebly.com](http://www.smiththirdgrade.weebly.com)

**Happy Birthday!**

- August 10– Andreas Adams
- September 8– Thomas Stine
- September 11– Tyler Coble

These three students will be our first students of the month! During your child's birthday month please look for a star student form to be coming home in the bring back side of their VIP folder.

**Writing**

For writing we will spend a lot of time setting up our writing workshop. This involves discussing the writing process (gathering ideas, prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing), the differences between a sentence and a fragment, the use of capital letters and punctuation, as well as paragraph structure. Another area we will work on is focusing our writing and how to narrow down to one idea and develop that idea into a story.



**Social Studies**

In social studies we will begin the year by discussing what a community is and how we can effectively build our classroom community. We will look at the role of each member of a community and the concepts of responsibility and respect. New to the social studies curriculum this year is Pennsylvania history. We will be learning about how Pennsylvania contributes to the United States by looking at different products and places in Pennsylvania. It is my goal for the students to experience Pennsylvania in a whole new way!

**Closing**

I am looking forward to a great year with you and your child. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any point during the year. If you are not able to access a computer or the internet from home, please let me know so I can provide paper copies of important documents that will be posted on our website.



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