

2014-2015 Third Grade Curriculum Calendar, Ocean Avenue School

Dates	Writing Unit	Publishing Celebration Idea
9/2-10/3  Publishing Party: 10/3	Personal Narrative (Book 1)	Invite another class to partner up with your kids, each kid reads to one other kid
10/6-11/7  Publishing Party: 11/7	Fairy Tales (Book 3)	Kids come to school dressed as their characters, invite guests (other teachers, principal) to listen to one small group of kids read, each guest sits with 4-6 kids, each kid in the group reads to the guest
11/10-12/19  Publishing Party: 12/19	Information Books (Book 2)	Writing "Museum": Each kid makes a special placemat for their writing from construction paper, then displays their info book on the placemat to create a classroom museum of their writing. Guests come to the "museum" during a certain time to read the info books and leave comments, kids stand by their writing to read aloud bits, answer questions about their topic.
1/5-2/13  Publishing Party: 2/13	Personal & Persuasive Essays (Book 4)	See book for ideas for celebrating this unit
2/23-3/6  Publishing Party: 3/6	College Essay	College Interviews: Kids partner up to read their essays to one another and "interview" each other for college.
3/9-4/17  Publishing Party: 4/17	Poetry	Poetry Café: Parents are invited, hot chocolate and juice are served, each kid reads one short poem into a mic for the audience. Kids have practiced/rehearsed their poem ahead of time.
4/27-5/29  Publishing Party 5/29	Content Area Research	Social Studies/Science Convention: Set up in the library, each kid makes a posterboard display to go along with their info book, and stand beside their work to answer questions as guests (other teachers, kids) pass through to read and leave comments for kids.
6/1-6/12	Reflecting/Summer Writing	End of the unit, kids are given special summer writing kits or special notebook to bring home. "I used to think... but now I know..." "ceremony."