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PYP

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bradley International School Newsletter

## Spring 2018

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### Classroom Curriculum

- **Literacy:** Currently, students are writing opinion essays. Next trimester, students will write an informational article focusing on: introducing a topic, grouping related information together and including illustrations when useful to aid in comprehension using two source texts. These writing assignments will take them through PARCC testing and then finish the year with poetry.
- **Math:** In trimester three, students will learn about measurement and data. In this unit, they will focus on area and perimeter, time, volume, mass and interpreting line plots. Lastly, they will learn about geometry. Students will be expected to understand properties of shapes, classify quadrilaterals and divide shapes into parts with equal areas while explaining their thinking. They will continue to review place value, multiplication, division, including the distributive property and commutative property of multiplication.
- **PYP/Social Studies and Science:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is currently in the IB unit called “**Who We Are**”, an inquiry into the nature of the self and how people use story telling to understand their world. Students must create a fractured fairy tale, fable or folk tale. Next, is the IB unit about “**Sharing the Planet**”, which is an inquiry into how organisms experience many changes throughout their life cycle. This planner will extend into April. To round out the year, students will focus on the final IB unit, “**How We Express Ourselves**”, an inquiry into how composers, visual artists and writers impact the past and present. There will be a field trip to the Denver Art Museum in May.

### How to Support At Home

- PARCC testing may be a mentally exhausting time for your child. Please ensure that your child gets plenty of rest, nutritious meals (especially breakfast), and lots of positive reinforcement so that they will feel confident in their abilities during the assessments. Please encourage your student to take this test seriously, and try their hardest everyday. **Attendance, as well as prompt arrival during this time, is extremely important.** Please do not schedule any doctor’s appointments during this time if possible.
- Please ensure your student is studying their multiplication flashcards and continue to make sure your student reads **at least 30 minutes** nightly.

### Dates to Remember for Third Grade

- March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Student-led Conferences 4:00 – 7:00 PM
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - PARCC testing, English Language Arts
- April 12 -13<sup>th</sup> – PARCC testing, Math
- April 28<sup>th</sup> - PTO Casino Night & Auction at Maggianos downtown
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Field Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup> - Last Day of School

