



# Kraft and Smith The Third Grade Wave

April 2024

## Important Dates

- **April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Last Day of Spring Break
- **April 8<sup>th</sup>** – No School (Eclipse)
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>** – ELA Ohio State Test
- **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>** – Math Ohio State Test



## Announcements

- Please encourage your child to work toward their **reading log goal** for the month. Reading each day will help your child grow in their reading skills.
- If you would like to donate **sanitizing wipes** or a box of **tissues** to get us through the "sick season", we would be so grateful!

**BOOKS**  
aren't just made of  
**WORDS...**  
they're also filled with  
**PLACES**  
to visit and  
**PEOPLE**  
to meet.

## ★ Learning Targets for April ★

We will state test for ELA at the beginning of April. (Please see your child's schedule that has already gone home.) Some time will be spent reviewing skills and strategies learned throughout the year.

This month, students will also dig deep into the fairy tale genre, analyzing characters' perspectives, motivations, actions, and traits. They will also identify theme(s) and practice summarizing.

In addition, students will read nonfiction, argumentative texts and determine the claims the author makes, with reasons that support them. They will understand that authors use special text features to help readers better understand what he or she believes.

For writing, students will continue to build their skills in paragraph writing. Their goal is to include a topic sentence, supporting details, and a conclusion in every paragraph they write.

## Tips for Overcoming Testing Anxiety

- Ask what is making your child feel nervous. Understanding what the concerns are and saying them out loud can bring some relief.
- Take a sneak peek at the test. Use your child's homework practice as a way of talking through areas that make them feel anxious.
- Boost your child's confidence. Success does not have to mean a perfect score. It means trying their personal best to show their growth over the school year!
- Help your child feel good on test days. Make sure your child gets enough rest the night before a test, takes all necessary medications, and try to provide a healthy breakfast.