

# GRADE 3 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## Important Dates

December 23rd to January 1st: Winter Recess

## HMH Into Reading: Let Freedom Ring!

Students will listen to, read, and view a variety of texts and media that present them with information about important U.S. documents and symbols. A genre focus on nonfiction provides students with opportunities to identify central idea, text structure, and media techniques in order to better understand unfamiliar texts. As students build their vocabulary and synthesize topic knowledge, they will learn more about our country's history and how various symbols came to represent the values and ideals of the United States.

For Writing, students will write a descriptive essay about a place they're familiar with. They will need plenty of details, descriptions, examples, and facts, and explain why it is memorable.

## Savvas Envision Topic 4: Using Multiplication to Divide

Your child is using fact families to learn division facts. A fact family has one or two multiplication facts and one or two division facts that use the same three numbers. For example, below is the fact family for 5, 9, and 45.

At-Home Connection: Encourage your child to write out their fact family to support their fluency. Remind your child of the Commutative Property of Multiplication ( $a \times b = b \times a$ ). Discuss how the factors in a multiplication equation can change order. Point out that in the division equations in a fact family, the dividend stays the same.

## Social Studies

Students will apply their knowledge of geography, democracy, and culture to learn about the human and physical geography of Peru.

## Upcoming Events

Class 3-305: Brooklyn Bridge Conservatory Trip