**3rd Quarter Reading/Language Arts Content**

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| **Week of - 1/4**  **Grammar** - Conjunctions  **Reading** - *Journey to the Center of the Earth*  **armor** - protective covering  **encases** - covers or surrounds  **extinct** - no longer living  **hideous** - extremely unpleasant  **plunged** - dive down  **primitive** - of ancient or earliest times  **seize** - to forcible hold or take  **serpent** - mythical, snakelike creature | **Week of - 1/16**  **Spelling** - Greek Roots  geology zoology  thermometer sociology  astronaut biosphere  atmosphere thermos  biology asterisk  thermal thermostat  disaster astronomy  meteorology spherical  technology ecology  hemisphere mythology  **Reading** - *Talk with an Astronaut*  **accomplishments** - great achievements  **focus** - central point  **gravity** - natural force that causes objects to move to the center of earth  **monitors** - screens that display information  **role** - a person's specific part  **specific** - definite or precise  **formal** - official  **option** - choice | **Week of - 1/30**  **Writing** - Research Paper  **Reading** - *Special Effects*  **background -** the part of a picture or scene behind the main point **landscape -** a view of scenery on land **miniature -** smaller in size or scale than others of its type  **prehistoric -** of or belonging to periods before recorded history  **reassembled -** came or brought together again  **cooperation** - working together  **general** - broad or overall |
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| **Week of 2/13**  **Grammar** - Prepositions  **Reading** - *Ghost Towns*  **economic** - relating to money and expenses  **independence** freedom from the control, influence, support, or help of others **overrun** to spread over  **scrawled** written or drawn poorly or carelessly **vacant** not occupied  **inhabitant** - person who occupies a place | **Week of 3/1**  **Spelling** - Suffixes  famous relaxation invention conversation election tension furious humorous imagination exhibition  education attraction  nervous invasion explanation creation  various occupation  decision destination  **Reading** - *At the Beach*  **algae** a group of related living things, mostly living in water **concealed** put out of sight; hidden **driftwood** wood carried along by water or washed ashore from the water  **hammocks** hanging beds or couches made of canvas, cord, etc.  **lamented** felt or showed grief for  **sea urchins** small, round sea animals  with spiny shells  **sternly** strictly, firmly  **tweezers** small pincers for picking up small objects  **crevices** - tiny holes or cracks |  |