**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 Rootsgeology zoologythermometer sociologyastronaut biosphereatmosphere thermosbiology asteriskthermal thermostatdisaster astronomymeteorology sphericaltechnology ecologyhemisphere 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** - Suffixesfamous relaxationinvention conversationelection tensionfurious humorousimagination exhibitioneducation attractionnervous invasionexplanation creationvarious occupationdecision 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 |  |