



Attendance: Many 3rd grade learning activities are group oriented and involve interaction with classmates. Therefore, it is next to impossible to recreate these activities at home. Please view school as a priority and see to it that your child attends every day except in cases of illness or emergency.



Book Orders: Scholastic book orders will be sent home starting in December. This is a great way to purchase books inexpensively. You will also have access to order these books online.

Binders: Please do not clean out your child's binder. Please leave all study guides behind tabs, we will use these to review for our SOL assessments in the Spring.



Communication: Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. My phone and e-mail contact information is listed on the back of this pamphlet. Conferences will be scheduled in October and November.



Dismissal: School ends at 3:45. Please send a note if your child will be dismissed at a different time or is to go home a different way than his/her normal schedule.



Emergencies: Please make sure we have the correct emergency numbers and information on file for your child.



Field Trips: Our class will participate in field trips this year. Permission slips **must** be returned for your child to attend.



Grading Scale: The following grading scale is used in 3rd grade: 94-100 A, 84-93 B, 74-83 C, 64-73 D, 0-63 F



Homework: Your child will be responsible for reading for 20 minutes each night. Enrichment opportunities will be sent home every two months. Students should review study guides in their binders.



Internet Projects: My classroom has been completing internet projects for three years. I intend to schedule this year's class for participation also.



Journals: Your child will have a journal in reading, word study and math. As well as Social Studies and Science spirals.



Kindness: We will learn to be kind to ourselves and others every day! This will be reinforced through the Bucket Fillers Program.



Library: We will visit the library on Tuesdays to check out books. Please make sure all books are returned by then to avoid suspended library privileges and/or fines.

Lunch: Lunch is every day from 11:25pm-12:50pm. Every now and then we will have "Lunch Bunch" in which students can eat lunch with me in the classroom.



Management: When a student is not following the established classroom expectations he/she will be asked to complete a Think Sheet that you will need to sign and return to school the next day.



Newsletters: Newsletters will be emailed home every Friday.



Open House: September 2nd at 10am to 12pm.



Parties: Be on the lookout for information regarding classroom celebrations.

Practice: The skills learned in class need to be practiced often, so please ask your child to read for you or quiz him/her on math facts.



Questions: Reading comprehension is important in 3rd grade. Ask your child questions about the books he/she reads.



Reading: Students are expected to read for 20 minutes every night.



STAR Folders: Every Friday I will send home your child's STAR Folder. It will have graded papers from the week and your child's conduct grade. Keep the papers



Tardies: Students will be considered tardy if they arrive in the classroom after 9:15; however, morning work and routines will begin as the busses are unloaded at 9:05. Arriving after this time causes students to lose instructional time.



Uppercase and lowercase: Make sure that your child uses correct capitalization and letter formation when writing. We use Manuscript handwriting, and will review cursive this year.



Volunteers: We love volunteers! Moms, dads, grandparents....look for information on how you can help our classroom!



Water: Your child may bring a water bottle to keep at his/her desk as long as it is spill-proof and will not "sweat" on his/her desk.



I am **eXcited** to work with **you** and **your** child this year! Make sure he/she gets plenty of **zzzzz's** each night as we have exciting days planned for this year. ☺

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