

# WELCOME TO THIRD GRADE

Parents,

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We hope the following information will be helpful to familiarize you with our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

## Supplies

Be sure all notepaper is wide rule. All books will need to be covered (no contact paper on hardbacks). Please print or type subjects on dividers for the notebook. Print these subjects: Bible, Language, Math, Other, Penmanship, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Spelling in alphabetical order. Use thick metal ringed notebooks. We have a standardized way of organizing our notebook. Please make sure names are on the cover and inside of all paperback books and on the cover of all hardback books. It is beneficial to send a pencil box big enough for a 12-inch ruler and all of the other supplies. Also, do not send pencil boxes with mirrors. Please have all supplies in the first week of school.

## Bible

A copy of our Bible Memory will be given to each student. Please review your child's weekly Bible Memory with them. They will say their memory verse on Friday morning.

## Math

Provide opportunities for you child practice, adding, subtracting, telling time, and eventually multiplying and dividing. Please check over your child's math each evening. Help them correct their errors. Flash cards should remain at home to reinforce skills. We use Saxon math with additional review sheets. The goal is to have your child pass the addition and subtractions 100 problem tests in five minutes at the beginning of the year. Multiplication and division 100 problem tests in five minutes at the end of the year.

## Spelling

Your child will bring home a spelling list on Mondays. Please review these words during the week. Usually there will be spelling homework on Mondays. The spelling practice test is on Thursdays and the test is on Fridays.

## Book Reports

Please see that your child has a public library card to use. Scholastic book clubs offers excellent books at a low price. It is beneficial to have your child start their projects as soon as they are assigned. The teacher must

approve all books. Your child may type their projects on the computer but please make sure a note accompanies the report to state that the child did the typing themselves.

### Major Projects

Book report card mobile

Israel salt relief map

Weather project

Book report diorama

Biography book report

### Assignments/late work

Homework may be assigned on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of each week. Incomplete class work becomes homework. All assignments are due on the assigned day except for absent work. Major projects are graded down one letter grade for each day late. If a student is going to absent for any reason, it is the child's responsibility to check with the teacher concerning the work missed. You may call the office to request absent work. If you are planning to be on a family trip please check with the teacher first. You may receive the work ahead of time.

### Parent/teacher communication

Communication is very important. If you need to contact your child's teacher, please write a note, call the office for an appointment, or leave a message. Please do not drop in for an unscheduled quick conference or question.

## Classroom Management

We use a lot of positive reinforcement in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We use table points, tickets, individual motivations, popcorn jar, positive praise, and many others. We also use the tally system for correction. We believe that boundaries need to be established and that children function better in that kind of environment. Five tallies a week warrant after school detention. We do make it our goals to focus on the positive aspects of each individual student and encourage growth in their weakness.