

Temperance Elementary School
Third Grade
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Welcome to 3rd Grade!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and you're ready for a great school year. I look forward to working with you and your child this year. It's hard to believe that the summer is over but it's always exciting to begin a new school year!

There will be a newsletter in your child's "Monday Folder" every Monday. The "Monday Folder" will also contain graded work, information from the office, menus, etc. Please sign and return the folder on the next day so that we know you received your child's work and other information.

Your child will receive a "100 point sheet" on Monday that is due each Friday morning. This will go along with their weekly word study or spelling words. Their "100 point sheet" will show the activities to complete in order to reach their 100 point goal each week. Some examples are: write your words in abc order, sort your words, create a word search, etc. We are using practice words the first week to get the students familiarized with our weekly word study routine here in the classroom. They do not have a 100 point sheet this first week of school. I will administer a spelling assessment the first week to determine the needs of each student. New words and the first "100 point" sheet will go home next Monday. Students will practice our weekly word study routines using practice words. Our weekly routine here at school is: On Monday, students go over the definitions of their words, cut, sort, write, and read their words. On Tuesday, students complete a speed sort and write their words in their agenda. On Wednesday, students will either complete a word hunt to find words that fit their word family patterns or complete an activity we call tracking on a page from the newspaper. On Thursday, students complete a "buddy pre-test" and on Friday, students will sort, write, read, glue their words in their word study book, and take their test.

Students will also be given a set of 10 sight words to work on each week. These words go along with a writing program that we are using (Writing from the Beginning and Beyond) and are research based words that 3rd graders need to have memorized. They will complete various activities using them during the week and will have a test on Friday. The first set of words will come home on Monday along with their word study words.

Students will use their agendas to write down homework and record their 20 minutes of required reading each night. Most of the time they will have assigned reading from their reading group to complete. This can count towards their 20 minutes of required reading homework. If you have any questions, concerns, or notes, please write them in your child's

agenda. I will see them first thing in the morning and be able to respond. I will also write notes in the agenda if needed.

Please keep in mind that if your child is absent, you will need to send in a written note when they return. Make up work will be available on the day they are absent at 4:00 pm from the office.

We will use the IXL Math and Reflex Math this year. The IXL math program is a computer based program meant to complement our math curriculum. Students can work on a variety of math skills. It can be used for practice, remediation, and extension. The Reflex Math program is also a computer based program that allows students to work on their math fact fluency. Students will begin with addition and subtraction facts and then move to multiplication and division.

We will continue to have the accelerated reader program as well! Students are allowed to take a quiz on books they read and earn AR points. The points can then be spent at our AR Store.

We will have a STEAM (Science, technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activity each week. I will be sending home a list of needed supplies for these activities. Often the list will include items you can collect around the house (pringle tops, paper towel tubes, bottle caps, etc.)

This week we will be establishing our daily routine and will complete some of the beginning of the year assessments. Attached is our third grade class schedule.

I would like to maintain open communication throughout the year. Please feel free to write a note in the agenda, email, or call me with any questions you have! My cell number is **434-907-0777** if you have after school hours questions. I love to text pictures home of your child and your child's work so be on the lookout for them!

Thanks for all you do,

Carla Fitzgerald Stinnett

