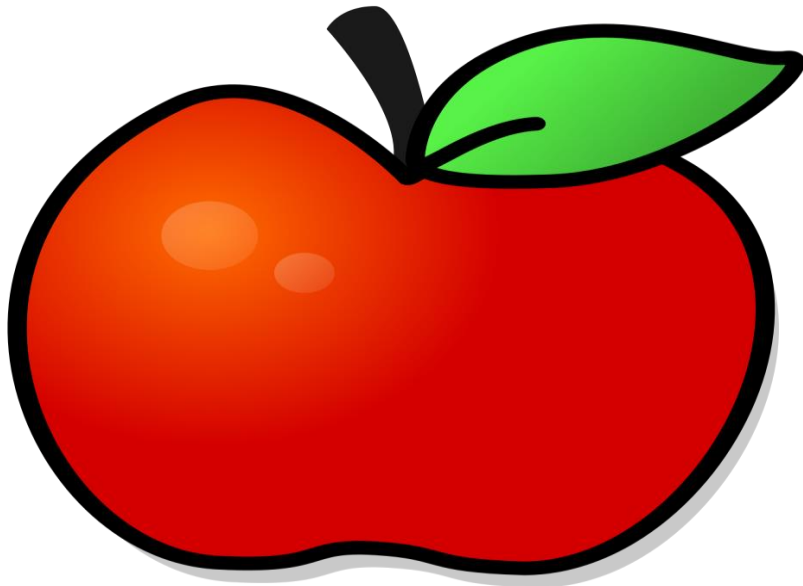


3rd Grade Parent Packet



Mrs. Malin &
Mrs. Kitchens

Please use as a reference guide this year. Do not throw away!!

Getting in touch with us:

We will use your child's planner and their take home folder to communicate with you. We require a parent's signature each day in the planner. The signature indicates that you have seen your child's behavior for the day and that you are aware of their daily homework. Please note that any afternoon transportation changes need to be sent in writing!

Our email addresses: brandi.malin@dcsms.org or mellissa.kitchens@dcsms.org

We do not share our personal cell phone numbers, so we will be using SchoolStatus to make individual calls and texts. Once we have called you for the first time using the SchoolStatus software, you will be able to save the number in your phone.

Conferencing

If you are ever feeling concerned about your child's academic progress or behavior, we would love to conference with you! The best way to set up a conference is by sending us an email or SchoolStatus message.

Attendance

Doors open at 8:05. Tardy bell rings at 8:35. Dismissal is at 3:10 for car riders and 3:25 for bus riders. (no checkouts after 2:30). An in-person student must attend 63% of the school day in order to be counted present! VIP kids must sign in every day to schoology and complete assignments daily.

Graded Papers

Graded papers will be sent home frequently. There will be a sheet for you to sign to indicate that you have seen **ALL** the papers. Any papers with a grade of 64 or below will need to be signed and returned with the folder.

Newsletter and Website

Each Monday, we will send home a weekly newsletter in your child's take home folder. It will include a summary of our learning for the coming week, as well as future events. Our newsletters can also be accessed through our classroom websites. Our websites will be updated weekly and will be another resource for you. VIP students will have newsletters uploaded in schoology.

Earbuds

We are blessed to have access to iPads and netbooks, which we will use daily for both reading and math stations. Please send earbuds with your child so that they can fully participate. Your child will store their earbuds in the zipper pouch of their daily folder.

Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market is closed until further notice.

Agendas/Behavior Management

Our classes will use homework planners again this year. These agendas are very important tools which will be sent home daily with your child's homework assignments recorded in them. Along with the homework assignments, you will find a rainbow spectrum located across the top of each day. You will notice that one will be circled or written in to indicate your child's behavior for the day as follows:

Purple- Outstanding Day

Pink- Great Day

Blue- Good Day

Green- Ready to Learn

Yellow-Think about your choices

Orange-Teacher choice

Red- Parent Contact

Please be sure to sign your name each day, so we will know you are aware of your child's homework and behavior. We make a point to stress positive behavior and wholeheartedly believe that we all deserve second chances when we have made a poor choice.

Lunch Money

Please send all lunch money for the entire week on **Monday**. You can access your child's lunch account online at www.mypaymentsplus.com and pay with a credit card. If you pay with a check, please make it out to PHES cafeteria.

****Please note that the Federal regulations do not allow food service programs to "charge" meals. Therefore, we strongly advise every parent to place an extra \$2.75 in the account or send money in an envelope for those emergency days. Students can keep this in their backpack.**

Snack

Please send your child with ONE healthy, finger friendly snack every day. We eat snack around 9:15 because of our late lunch time.

It's important for growing children to drink enough water daily. Please consider sending a water bottle with your child to school especially since water fountains will not be available this year for safety reasons. We do have a water filling station that can be used.

Visiting Our School

Unfortunately, visitors are not allowed at school for safety reasons mandated by CDC. We sincerely hope this changes this year.

Wish List

- Astrobright colored paper for newsletters and behavior coupons.
- Treats or prizes for rewards
- Tubs of bubble gum and Blow Pops for rewards.
- Page protectors for take home folders.
- White and colored cardstock for projects.
- Laminating pouches for math games.
- Clear packing tape for hanging things up.

We are extremely excited and it is our sincere hope that your child will have an enjoyable year. Working together as a team (parent, teacher, and student), your child's third grade year will be one of his/her best years yet. Please feel free at any time to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Please be patient with us as we are juggling teaching students in the classroom, as well as, students at home.