

WELCOME TO MRS. BROADWAY'S and MRS. PASLEY'S Third Grade CLASS!

This year will be very exciting for your child. We will provide your child with experiences that develop responsibility, critical thinking, and a positive self-image. Through support and communication, we will work together to reach our goals for the year.

ACADEMICS

Mrs. Broadway will be your child's Language Arts teacher, and Mrs. Pasley will be your child's math, science, and social studies teacher. The academic curriculum is briefly discussed below. Handwriting will be graded and marked on the report cards as S, N, or U.

Reading:

Students will engage in Reading through the Reading textbook, trade books, and Schoology. Reading tests assessing comprehension and vocabulary will be given on Thursdays or Fridays of weeks in which we have a tested story. Questions outlined in class discussion and story enrichment activities will prepare students for each week's test.

English/Grammar:

The Scott Foresman reading series has grammar lessons that address one grammar skill per week. Most of my grammar instruction is in the form of PowerPoint presentations and creative activities. Each Wednesday your student will bring home a "skill practice sheet" that tells you more about the week's skill and allows you to practice with your child. These skill sheets are required to be completed for homework. Grammar tests assessing the week's skill will be given every Thursday.

Students will additionally receive grades from their daily language review (DLR). Students will complete their DLR assignments daily in class. DLR's are quick "bell-ringer" type assignments done at the beginning of class and are checked daily as a class. The students are required to have a parent sign the DLR after reviewing the skills on Thursday, and then it needs to be returned on Friday.

Spelling:

The Scott Foresman reading series also has 20 spelling words that address one spelling pattern skill per week. Students will be given time during the week to practice their weekly spelling words during their Daily 5 rotations, but these also need to be studied throughout the week at home. Your child's spelling words will be listed in his/her SCHOOL binder, so they can be reviewed every night. Spelling tests assessing the words will be given every Friday.

Math:

Autauga County is implementing the common core standards in math. The math program is VERY different than previous years and can be extremely challenging at times. Please be patient as your child adjusts, and you will soon be amazed at their academic progress when they're challenged.

Autauga County has adopted the Envision textbook series, and math textbooks will be sent home. Instruction will also be given through Schoology, an online platform that the state has adopted. You may keep the Envision math book at home for homework assignments and extra practice. You will be responsible for turning the book in at the end of the year. Topic tests will be given when skills have been taught. The days tests are given will vary depending on the number of lessons in each topic.

Students will additionally receive grades from their daily math review (DMR). Students will complete their DMR assignments daily in class. DMR's are quick "bell-ringer" type assignments done at the beginning of class and are checked daily as a class. These will be sent home each Thursday for review. The students are required to have a parent sign the DMR after reviewing the skills and return it on Friday.

GRADING POLICY

- **We will grade or critique a large portion of work students complete and expect for them to give their best in all that they do for this class and all of their classes. Grading will be based on a percentage system.**
 - **Language**
 - **Language grades are not weighted. (These include grammar tests, DLR quizzes, and spelling tests)**
 - **Reading**
 - **50 % Major Grades (includes reading comprehension tests and unit tests)**
 - **50 % Minor Grades (vocabulary practice and skills practice)**
 - **Math**
 - **50% Major (includes topic tests and teacher made tests)**
 - **50% Minor (includes DMR tests, skills sheets, and projects)**
 - **Science & Social Studies**
 - **Science and Social Studies grades are not weighted. (These includes tests, quizzes, daily work, and projects)**

HOMEWORK

Homework is important, because it teaches responsibility and helps the students develop good study habits. Homework is not "busy work". It is given to reinforce skills and concepts taught that day. Homework helps the students prepare for upcoming lessons and test. Please make homework a top priority by scheduling a designated time each day to read, study spelling words, memorize math facts, and complete assigned homework. Homework will be checked daily and students will receive rewards after their HOT card is full. However, if your child does not complete the assigned homework, please do not write a note asking that we excuse the assignment due to lack of materials, blank homework booklet, or extracurricular activities. This will hurt your child in the long run, and we try to teach responsibility and accountability through homework assignments.

Every student will need a DPES homework planner for recording their assignments each day. Homework planners are sold at the DPES supply store for \$5.00. Any homework that is assigned is posted on our board every day and remains there all week long. Your student should get in the habit of writing their assignments down for responsibility reasons.

When a student does not bring their homework in or it is incomplete, they will fill out a “No Homework” slip, and it will be attached to their grades in Tuesday folders. This is just to inform you that the practice assignment was not completed at home. All slips will need to be signed by a parent. Homework is not graded, but we will always send home incomplete homework notes to keep you informed in case grades suffer due to the lack of studying.

SCHOOL BINDERS

All students will have one (1) binder that will contain all of the assignments and information they will need for Language Arts and Math class. This will be known as their “SCHOOL Binder” (Successful, Communication, Helps, Organize, Our, Lives). We will help students organize these binders the first week of school with their folders, dividers, paper, and sheet protectors that you have purchased in their supply list. So much of student success in school is being organized, and we try to get all of our students to a place each year where they feel that they can easily find the things they need. SCHOOL binders will house their Spelling Words, Reading Unit Outlines, Math Vocabulary, Important Notes, Homework Booklets, and so much more. This should go to and from school each day with them. The binders need to be checked daily for any important notes and reminders that are not sent on Tuesdays.

WEEKLY PAPERS

No graded papers will be going home this year (subject to change.) As of now, all graded assignments will be documented in INow. We will update this policy as necessary.

TRANSPORTATION

If your child is a bus rider, please find out which bus and which load (first or second) your child will be riding. You can call the front office to find out this information. (334-361-6400.) Any transportation changes must be made in writing by note or fax by 2:00pm each day. You will not be able to make changes by phone. If you are picking your child up from school in the afternoons, make sure you put the “carpool tag” that is inside your orientation folder.

Procedures for End of day

End-of-day

- Every child should know each morning how he or she will get home each day.
- Each family should also discuss a rainy day plan.

Medication

If your child will be taking regular medication at school, please fill out the medication form and return it to school ASAP! Medication of any kind CANNOT be administered without a completed medication form.

MONEY

Make checks payable to DPES. Please include homeroom teacher's name, your child's name, and phone number. All money must be sent to school in an envelope. Please write your child's name, amount of money, and the purpose on the envelope. If a check is sent to school, include your child's name and teacher's name on the check. Juice and snack items are \$0.25-\$1.25 each. Please send snack money in an envelope that is labeled with your child's first and last name. Snacks will be purchased from the Snack Shack between 7:15am-8:00am. It will be your child's responsibility to buy their snack before entering the classroom at 8:00. Once they have purchased their snack, students will need to put their snack in their backpack until we eat snack together as a class. Lunch tickets- no charges allowed! In addition, please be aware that NO carbonated beverages and NO fast food lunches are allowed in the lunchroom.

Prices

- Lunch- \$2.25 daily
- Extra milk- \$.40
- Breakfast- \$1.25 daily (Students will be able to eat in the classroom from 8:00-8:25)
- Juice and Snack -\$.50 to \$1.25 each in the Snack Shack****PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A JUICE AND SNACK EVERYDAY!!!!****

Student of the Week

We will soon send home a list showing your child's name and the week he or she is student of the week. Each day of the week, your child will bring in something or will have a special privilege. The following layout explains the item(s) and privileges.

Monday- Your child will receive an ice cream cone from Mrs. Broadway and Mrs. Pasley during lunch.

Tuesday- Have your child bring back his/her special poster. (We will give your child their poster on Monday.)

Wednesday-Have your child bring his/her favorite short book to be read to the class.

Thursday- Have your child bring his/her favorite snack to share with everyone.

Friday- Have your child bring his/her favorite toy to show to his/her classmates.

BIRTHDAYS

You may only send birthday invitations to school if everyone in the class is being invited. Your child may also bring a snack to share with the class if you would like. The snack must be individually packaged items and not baked goods made from home.

SCHOOL POLICIES

We encourage you to go to www.dpeseagles.com to read the Code of Conduct and Student Handbook. The handbooks will explain all school-wide procedures and policies.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Email is the quickest and best way to contact us with questions and concerns 😊

School- (334) 361-6400

School Website- www.dpeseagles.com : Click on school staff at the top of the page, and then find our name.

Per COVID-guidelines, we can meet with you during our planning period via phone conference (1:40-2:20). Be sure to make an appointment. We will respond to emails, notes, and phone calls during our planning period. We feel using our instruction time for teaching is a necessity and requires an uninterrupted atmosphere. We will check emails each morning before school and during planning. If a message is sent after our planning period, a response will be made the following day. Please know that we will call you in the afternoon if there is a situation that requires immediate attention. We value our time with our families just as you do, so please use our cell phones for emergency cases. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!
THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR!