

Welcome to 3rd grade!!!

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in third grade. We feel confident that you will have a positive experience this year. 😊

Forms, forms, and more forms!!

- ▶ Student Information Sheet
- ▶ Rolodex Card
- ▶ Code of Conduct papers (pages 43-48)
- ▶ INow (Please include the \$10 fee. INow is optional but highly recommended since grades will NOT be sent home this year for parents to view.)
- ▶ Free/Reduced Lunch (if applicable)

All forms that you complete need to be placed inside the orientation folder and returned to school on September 8th.

Arrival Procedures

- School doors open at 7:15.
- Morning Supervision: 7:15 - 7:45
- School begins at 8:00
- Students purchasing snack will do so as they arrive, before going to class.
- All students must use the hand sanitizing stations when entering the building.
- If your child is eating breakfast at school, it will be served in the classroom.

Dismissal Procedures

- 2:40 - Walkers dismissed (For the safety of our children, parents are not to walk up to the breezeway to pick up their child.) Dismiss Carpool to the gym
- 2:50 - Dismiss 1st Load
- 2:55 - Dismiss daycare riders to the media center
- 3:00 - Dismiss 2nd Load to the Green Hall
- 3:05 - Dismiss YMCA to the gym

Discipline Plan

The Dojo point system will be in effect for the 2020-2021 school year. We encourage you to sign up for Class Dojo on the sheet provided to you in the orientation folder, and make sure you keep the app updated on a regular basis to ensure that you are receiving regular communication with your child's teacher. Points are shared between classes, so these are cumulative totals for negative behaviors. The purpose of the Class Dojo system is to create a POSITIVE classroom environment and to encourage your child to exhibit positive behavior throughout the day. Positive points and behaviors are rewarded weekly based on the teacher's reward system. Please understand that negative behaviors impede the learning of others, especially your child, and we want to make this system as fair as possible for everyone. This system has been agreed upon by the teachers and administration, and it will be fully enforced beginning September 8, 2020.

Discipline Plan Cont'd

- One of the greatest features of ClassDojo is that it allows parents to keep up with their child's behavior via the ClassDojo app.
- We are also able to communicate with parents through messaging, and even upload pictures from our day!
- PLEASE sign up using the PARENT ACCESS CODE in your child's folder.
- Our hope is that this will help you better understand the progress of your student's behavior on a week-to-week basis.

Homework in third grade!

•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.

•Please, please, please purchase an assignment book from DPES!!!

•They are on sale for \$5 and can be purchased on the first day of school. Please send \$5.00 in a labeled envelope and put it inside the orientation folder along with the completed paperwork.

Homework in third grade!

- Any homework that is assigned is posted on our board every day and remains there all week long. Your child 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 brought home to be signed. 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 binder that will contain all of the assignments and information they will need for both classes. This will be known as their “SCHOOL Binder” (Successful Communication Helps Organize Our Lives).
- ▶ SCHOOL binders will house their Spelling Words, Math Vocabulary, Homework Assignments, 9 Weeks Newsletter, Important Notes, and so much more.
- ▶ This should go to and from school each day with them.

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)

Weekly Papers/Tuesday Folders

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

Students will not have a "weekly folder" or "Tuesday folder" this year. Behavior/conduct will be documented in Class Dojo and all important papers will be brought home from the student in his/her binder.

We will update this policy as necessary.

Other Important Info

Birthdays: Individually wrapped birthday treats may be sent to school with your child or dropped off in the front office by appointment only. We will serve them during our scheduled snack time.

Transportation: If your child will be going home a DIFFERENT way than usual, they MUST have a note from home. We will send the note to the office, where they keep up with all transportation changes for the day.

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 Matters

- **ENVELOPES-** You should find an envelope in your paperwork labeled with various items that you may choose to pay for, such as INow or classroom donations. Please return with your paperwork.
- **INOW - \$10 per DPES family** ~ We strongly suggest you purchase this to keep track of your child's academic progress.
- **MONEY SENT TO SCHOOL:** Any time money is sent to school (lunch, snack, etc.), please place EACH payment in a separate, CLEARLY LABELED envelope or baggie. It should be labeled with the student's name and what the money is for.
- **Please send exact change for snack.** Prices on the website.

Snack

- Snacks can be purchased in the Snack Shack or sent in from home.
- Vitally important to send snack money in a labeled envelope.
- Snacks must be purchased in the Snack Shack from 7:15–7:55.
- No carbonated drinks or candy. 😊

First Day Reminders

- Know how you will get home.
- Send a note with any transportation reminders.
- Return all paperwork.
- Bring water bottle, snack or snack money to purchase BEFORE school in Snack Shack.
- Bring a lunch or purchase school lunch.
- Wear your mask and a smile! 😊
- *We love you and can't wait to see you!*



Thank You

We are looking forward to
a great year!!!!

“Your child will learn something *everyday* in this class.
Some days they will bring it home in their hands.
Some days they will bring it home in their heads.
Other days, they will bring home what they learned in
their hearts.”
- Mary Engel

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