

# **BE THE CAPTAIN OF YOUR OWN SHIP IN THIRD GRADE!**



## **WELCOME**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to one of the most incredible years your child will have in his/her school career! Third grade is an exciting time as children embark upon new adventures in the world of learning. This is a year of important transitions, as well as one in which acquisition of new skills is accelerated. There are so many things to learn in third grade! You will be amazed at the academic growth your child will make this year. We will need all of your support to make this a positive experience for your child. We believe the home is a child's first school. Therefore, we must work together to make your child feel successful this year. It is our belief that every child can learn. It is important for us to realize that children learn in different ways. Thus, there will be various levels of learning taking place at the same time in our rooms. So, celebrate your child's success, no matter how small it may seem. This will keep your child enthusiastic about learning and proud of their work!

As you may know, third graders change classes everyday:

Mrs. Massey: Math

Mrs. Jackson: Science/Social Studies

Ms. Stokes: English Language Arts

Students are required to be more organized than ever before, remembering to take books, folders, and supplies with them so they are prepared for the next class. Students will use their agenda binders with folder for transporting homework, signed papers, and notes to and from school. Our curriculum in third grade includes reading/language arts, math, science, and social studies. Number grades will be given for all subjects on the report card each nine weeks. Because of the importance of good communication skills, your child will be writing in all areas of curriculum. Please encourage your child to write at home and learn to be creative in his/her writing.

### **Third Grade Daily Schedule**

7:50-8:10	Homeroom
8:10-9:50	Block One
9:50-11:10	Block 2
11:10-12:10	Related Arts
12:10-12:50	Lunch/Recess
1:00-1:20	Block 2 continued
1:20-3:00	Block 3
3:00	Dismissal

### **GRADING, HOMEWORK, AND TESTS:**

All assignments will be graded using the school's standard grading system:

A=100-90

B=89-80

C=79-70

D=69-60

F=59 or below

Any scores below 50 will be marked as a 50 in the grade book if the student attempts to complete the assignment. **When a student does not turn in an assignment, refuses to complete an assignment, or cheating occurs a 0 will be reflected in the grade book.**

Homework reinforces concepts learned during the day. It is important that you provide your child with a quiet place and a regular time to study. Homework assignments are generally given nightly except Friday. Please encourage your child to complete the daily homework assignments. **Three points will be deducted for each missed assignment in each subject area.** Students, who turn in incomplete homework or none at all, no matter what the excuse, will miss recess while they complete their work. This helps to teach the child responsibility.

### **AGENDAS:**

Agenda books will be provided for each child to record daily homework assignments and notes/comments between teacher and parent/guardian. Each day students are given time to record that night's assignment in their agenda. The agenda is to go back and forth from home to school every day. We try to check to make sure students have written assignments down correctly, but ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to make sure it is recorded correctly and that they have the proper books or worksheets to take home. Marks for behavior include E=excellent, S=satisfactory, N=needs improvement, and U=unacceptable behavior. We will also write comments as necessary. We would like for you to sign the agenda book daily if all homework assignments have been completed. **Five minutes of recess will be deducted if agenda is not signed by a parent/guardian.** Please initial on the appropriate line at the bottom of each day in the agenda book. This will let us know that you are aware of the daily happenings in our classrooms. If your child misplaces the agenda book, he/she must pay \$7.00 for a new one.

### **STUDENT PROGRESS/SIGNED PAPERS:**

The best way to stay informed about your child's progress is to review your child's work that is sent home on Mondays. Signed papers (**a set from each teacher**) will be sent home on Mondays. This will include tests and graded work from the prior week. Please keep all papers stapled in order to insure that everything has been viewed. Please sign the top paper, and return on Tuesdays. **Recess time will be reduced for late returns.**

## **BREAKFAST/LUNCH**

Our cafeteria will be computerized again this year. Please help him/her learn their number. Each child will have an account to add money for lunch and breakfast. **Full pay is \$2.30 lunch/\$1.15 breakfast. Reduced prices are \$0.40 lunch/\$0.30 breakfast.** You may put as much money as you want in your child's account. You should have already received an application for free or reduced meals. Please let us know if you have not. **If you choose to come and eat with your child, the price of an adult lunch is \$3.75.**

## **STUDENT ABSENCES/ TARDIES/EARLY DISMISSAL**

Your child is responsible for completing and turning in all missed work within **three days** after returning to school. Consecutive absences will be given further consideration. **Per school policy, please provide a note of explanation when your child returns from an absence.** Please remember that when a student misses school, they are missing important concepts that are vital to the learning process.

The school day is from 7:50-3:00. The tardy bell is at 8:00. Excessive tardiness will be reported to the office and will be handled according to new tardy procedure: **Students will be allowed three unexcused tardies with no consequences. On the fourth and all subsequent tardies, students will be assigned to after school detention the following day. Detention will not be held on Fridays. Parents/guardians will be responsible for picking up students at 4 p.m.**

Students will be allowed to sign out early with no written appointment card three times. **On the fourth and all subsequent early dismissals, students will be assigned to after school detention the following day. Detention will not be held on Fridays. Parents/guardians will be responsible for picking up students at 4 p.m.**

## **TRANSPORTATION:**

It is very important to notify the homeroom teacher when your child will be riding in a different bus or car. Your child will not be allowed to ride with a different bus or car driver without **written** permission. This is for the safety of your child. No phone calls should be made at the school office to change transportation. **It must be written in the agenda book or in the form of a note.**

**RELATED ARTS ROTATION:**

STUDENTS WILL ROTATE EACH DAY TO MUSIC, ART, OR PE. **IT IS IMPERATIVE ON THE DAYS THAT YOUR CHILD GOES TO PE THAT TENNIS SHOES ARE WORN.** BELOW IS THE SCHEDULE OF HOW EACH HOMEROOM WILL ROTATE.

**JACKSON**

ART  
PE  
MUSIC

**MASSEY**

MUSIC  
ART  
PE

**STOKES**

PE  
MUSIC  
ART

**DRESS CODE:**

Dress Code: Shorts and Skirts must be fingertip length. Please refer to the district policy.

**OTHER:**

Please watch for our weekly newsletter that comes out on Mondays. It contains valuable reminders, updates, and important news about happenings in our classroom.

You may contact the third grade teachers at:

School: (Phone) 445-8333

(E-mail) [ajackson@saludaschools.org](mailto:ajackson@saludaschools.org)

[hmassey@saludaschools.org](mailto:hmassey@saludaschools.org)

[jstokes@saludaschools.org](mailto:jstokes@saludaschools.org)

Thank you for entrusting your child to us. We will do our best to help your child succeed in school. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Sincerely,

**PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN ALONG WITH THE STUDENT  
INFORMATION SHEET.**

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I have read and reviewed the Third Grade information packet with my child.

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Child's Name

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Parents Name

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Date