

Third Grade Curriculum Information

Alone we can accomplish a little.
Together we can accomplish a lot!

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Our expectations for your child are very high!

- ▶ **Students in third grade are working towards being independent, responsible learners and citizens.**
- ▶ **Each child will be challenged at their individual level. We expect each student to give their best effort in all areas.**

Learning Opportunities

- ▶ **Balance of large and small group activities**
- ▶ **Working in teams to complete assignments**
- ▶ **Opportunities to work independently**

Classroom/ School Expectations

Clip Chart

Our classroom uses a clip chart system to reinforce positive behavior. Students can clip up for making good choices and down for making poor choices. If a student clips down, he/she will have a chance to clip back up if better choices are made. Students can clip “off the chart” following this order: student, teacher, principal. The end of day clip color/placement will be indicated in your child’s agenda each day. Please sign/initial to let me know you have reviewed the agenda. If your child is on green or above 4 out of 5 days, he/she will earn a reward determined by the teacher.

Red - Soaring

Yellow - Outstanding

Yellow - Awesome

Green - Ready to Learn

Blue - I need time to think

Purple - Teacher Choice

Pink - Contact Parent

Classroom/ School Expectations

Positive Peeps

Students can earn Positive Peeps by going “above and beyond”. Students earn Positive Peeps by displaying exemplary behavior. Every nine weeks, students who earn a Positive Peep will be rewarded with a celebration led by our counselors.

Student of the Month

Student of the Month will be selected by students in the class. Throughout each month, our class will participate in lessons focusing on the word of the month. Students will be looking for peers who exemplify the word. For example, the word for August is RESPECT. This will be awarded to someone who has exemplified characteristics of ACE's word of the month.

Common Core State Standards

- ▶ The CCSS is a state mandated guide that tells us what content should be covered by each grade level. The CCSS can be found on:
www.corestandards.org.
- ▶ The standards are taught to mastery at each grade level.
- ▶ We are teaching the common core standards. Text series are used as a tool for teaching these standards, not as the driving force of the curriculum.
- ▶ All third grade teachers are teaching the same content; however, the pace of the instruction is based upon the students' needs.

Literacy-Wonders Writing

We will be following Wonders/ Lucy Calkins Units of for writing this school year. We will be focusing on narrative, informational, and opinion writing.

The Units of Study will:

- help teach opinion/argument, information, and narrative writing with increasing complexity and sophistication
- follow the Common Core writing standards
- foster a high-level thinking
- develop and refine strategies for writing across the curriculum
- support greater independence and fluency through intensive writing opportunities
- include performance assessments to help monitor mastery and differentiate instruction
- provide a ladder of exemplar texts that model quality writing

Literacy: Wonders Reading

- ▶ For our reading instruction, we are using curriculum maps created by FCPS for Teaching Reading as a foundation to teach the Common Core standards for Language Arts

The Units of Study for Teaching Reading will:

- ▶ provide methods to help students move up the ladder of text complexity
- ▶ build foundational reading skills and strategies
- ▶ build fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension
- ▶ develop students' use of self-monitoring strategies

MATH- EnVisions

- ▶ There will be a combination of flexible small groups and whole group instruction.
- ▶ EnVisions and a variety of other resources will be combined with personalized instruction to ensure each student masters the third grade standards.
- ▶ Many types of manipulatives, technology, and games will be used during each math session.

Multiplication

Multiplication is a very important concept that is taught in 3rd grade. By the end of the year, students should be fluent with basic multiplication facts 0-9. Fluency with facts means that students understand how to use multiplication facts effortlessly in all situations. It does not mean that students have simply memorized their facts.

There are many online games that students can play to help them become fluent with their facts. We will also send home activities to help them practice once we start working on multiplication here at school.

Literacy and Math Assessment

- ▶ We will assess daily and weekly on the standards that have been taught to ensure that each student is progressing towards mastery. This is the case in both literacy and math.
- ▶ Report cards will reflect information from daily and weekly assessments.

3rd Grade Assessment

Third graders take other various assessments throughout the school year.

- ▶ **MAP** testing (Fall, Winter, and Spring) district testing
- ▶ **OLSAT** (Otis Lennon School Ability Test) - identifies Gifted and Talented (Fall) and **COGAT**
- ▶ **K-PREP** (Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress) in reading and math - state testing (May)
- ▶ Scores will be shared with families once available

Homework

▶ MATH

- ▶ nightly homework sheet , practice multiplication facts

▶ READING

- ▶ **Students should read each night for at least 20 minutes.**
- ▶ **Read to your child too....no matter what their ability!**
- ▶ **Please sign your child's agenda each night indicating the book read and amount of time spent reading.**

▶ Spelling

- ▶ Research proves that weekly spelling lists do not translate to everyday writing. Therefore, we will not be giving weekly spelling lists and tests. Students will work on high frequency words, spelling patterns, and vocabulary during daily word work centers.

▶ Homework may vary depending on the teacher and the time of year!

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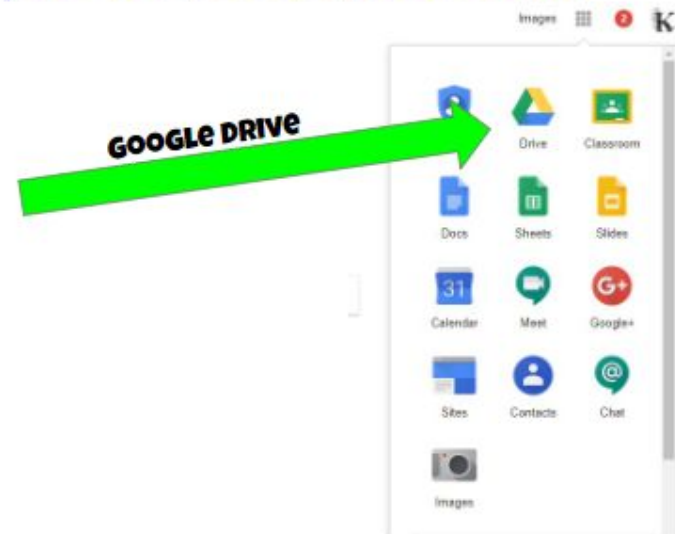
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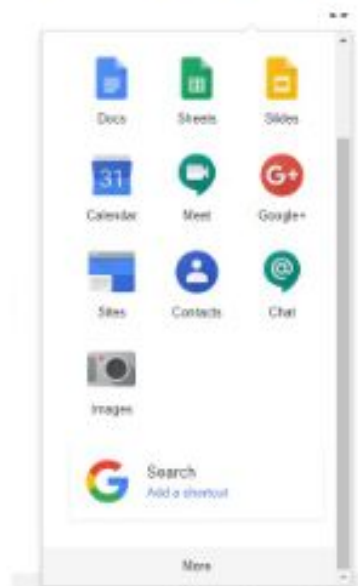
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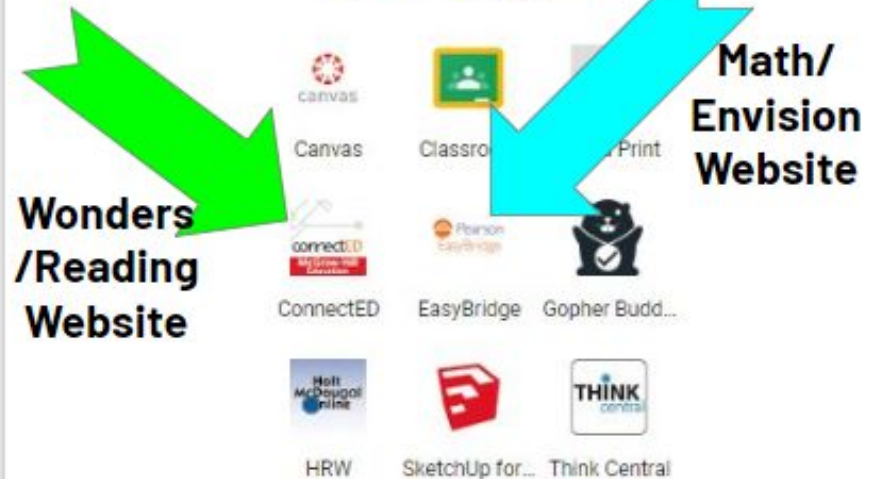
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Wonders (Reading) and Envision (Math)

From Google Drive click on **More** at the bottom. You will see the following icons.



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Conferences

- ▶ There will be two official conferences this year. One will take place at the end of October/beginning of November and the second in the spring. The second conference will be student led. Be sure to read the weekly newsletter for specific conference dates for your child's teacher.
- ▶ Check your child's folder for a letter coming home to sign up for conferences or an email. (October)
- ▶ We will review your child's assessments and progress, as well as set goals together. We will also be giving the report cards to you at this time.

Report Cards

Our report cards are standards based, meaning students will be assessed on each standard that is assessed. (These will look very similar to the report cards students got in 1st and 2nd grade.)

- ▶ **Mastery (M):** Student independently demonstrates skill.
- ▶ **Progressing (P):** Student demonstrates some knowledge of the skill but requires more support/practice to become independent.
- ▶ **Area of Concern (AC):** Student requires teacher support to perform skill.

Our sincerest thank you for your support this year. We are certain that your child will have a great year! If we can ever help in anyway please do not hesitate to contact us.

3rd Grade Team

