



Homeroom

3A

Love in every word. Respect in every action. Confidence in every heart.



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Welcome to Third Grade!



Thank you for a wonderful first week!

It was a wonderful first week of third grade for our 3A friends. We have already received many compliments from other staff on how great of an example our class is setting for the rest of the school. We are working to be leaders of the Primary wing.

Important Dates

Open House

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Early Dismissal Days

Friday, September 2, 2016

No School

Monday, September 5, 2016

All School Mass

Thursday, September 8, 2016 (8:30)

In 3A we show:

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Help Your Child Succeed in 3A

Here are some basic steps you can take to support your child's learning.

In order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. A strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. Together, we can support each student and share in his or her success. I ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
- Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
- Promotes a caring school climate in which we show love in every word, respect in every action, and confidence in every heart.
- Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school.

In order to better build our relationship as partners supporting your child, please consider joining our school volunteer program. Our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions.



A look at the Reading Curriculum

Here is a preview of what we will be up to in literacy this year.

Each year of your child's schooling presents new expectations and routines for you and your child to become familiar with. I will be introducing classroom routines and structure in a way that removes all of the guesswork from the child and allows them to concentrate fully on learning. In reading, the classroom structure I use is called Daily 5. Soon your child will be talking about "Daily 5" at home.

The Daily 5 is a literacy structure that teaches independence and gives children the skills needed to create a lifetime love of reading and writing. It consists of five tasks that are introduced individually. When introduced to each task, the children discuss what it looks like, sounds like, and feels like to engage in the task independently. Then, the children work on building their stamina until they are successful at being independent while doing that task.

These are the five tasks:

- **Read to Self**
- **Work on Writing**
- **Read to Someone**
- **Listen to Reading**
- **Word Work**

When all five tasks have been introduced and the children are fully engaged in reading and writing, I am able to work with small groups and confer with children one-on-one. This structure is effective, the results are amazing, and the children look forward to Daily 5 time.

Ask your child about Daily 5 and see what they say. I anticipate your child will tell you about the class stamina and how we are working toward independence, and maybe you will even hear about some of the fantastic things your child has read so far. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support!



Snacks, Treats & Lunch

Our Basic Food Procedures

In third grade, students get the opportunity to sit with friends from both 3A and 3B. In the lunch room there are 3 third grade tables students can choose from, one of which is a nut-free table. Each week, there are two classroom lunch helpers.

Every day, we have the opportunity to enjoy a snack at Recess time. Although it is not required, I highly encourage students to bring a healthy snack every day.

If a student brings a snack that contains nut products, they will still be able to eat it, but will be asked to eat in the hallway rather than in the classroom for safety reasons.

Birthday Treats

On your child's birthday (or observed birthday) you are more than welcome to bring in a treat or small gift for the class. You have the freedom to choose to bring in whatever you like, we just remind you that not all students may be able to enjoy all snacks.

If you plan to provide a treat, we require that all foods be clearly labeled with all of the ingredients.

If you choose to bake at home, please also provide a list of ingredients. If the ingredients are not provided, we will not be able to serve the treat.

As a reminder, all local bakery items (with the exception of Krispy Kreme donuts) do have potential allergens.

Students are NOT required to bring in a birthday treat or gift.

Specials Classes

Our Weekly Specials Schedule

Monday: K4 Buddies, Music, Library & Art

Tuesday: Physical Education

Wednesday: Computer & Literacy Lab

Thursday: Literacy Lab & Physical Education

Friday: Spanish & Music