

THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

- **READING:** ReadyGEN by Pearson Realize. Texts used in class only – access Pearson online for home use. (see teacher website)
Spelling and vocabulary lists sent home for each lesson. No formal homework for these but daily practice is recommended.
- **MATH:** The Everyday Math4 Series. A family letter is sent home before each unit explaining the focus of the unit, important vocabulary words, tools and activities to use at home, and homework help. Expect math homework Monday – Thursday.
- **HANDWRITING:** Handwriting Without Tears. Lower case cursive letters are taught, with an exposure to upper case letters.
- **SOCIAL STUDIES:** MyWorld. Work is completed in the book and covers communities, environment, the U.S. Government, citizenship, our expanding nation, and working and celebrating our communities. We also expose the students to daily geography. This encourages the use of maps to locate features such as landforms, regions, bodies of water and political boundaries.
- **SCIENCE:** Our science curriculum focuses on Life Sciences (Life Cycles, Fossils, & Traits) and Earth Sciences (Weather, Biomes & Habitats, & Forces and Motion.) STEM activities will also be presented throughout the year.

HOMEWORK

Everyday Math: M-Thurs.

Fluency Folders: (begin 9/3) M-Thurs. Read passage and record number of words read in 1 minute. Return folder on Friday. New passage weekly.

Spelling/Vocabulary Words: Study list for test. Tests are **NOT** every week. Usually we have one every other Thursday. I will keep you informed.

These tasks are meant to reinforce important skills that were introduced in class. Work at home should take no more than 30 minutes. Homework assignments are due the next school day.

If an assignment is missing, a “**Dog-gone-It**” note will be sent home with your child. This note needs your signature, with the completed homework attached and returned to school the next day. If your child receives more than 2 **Dog-gone-it** sheets in a week, they will not be allowed to participate in the third-grade reward recess on Fridays.

ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS

All third-grade students use an assignment notebook to record all homework assignments, and important school information. Please **sign the notebook each day**, after reviewing the information. This notebook is also a good way to communicate with me. I will be checking each student’s notebook on a daily basis.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

CHAMPS – This is our district behavior plan. Each letter represents a different area of behavior. Students are expected to act accordingly depending on the situation and the environment they find themselves. Consequences for inappropriate behavior are level-based.

Class DOJO – This is our school/classroom management tool based on a point system to maintain and encourage positive behaviors. Student and classroom goals are set each week with rewards for reaching those goals. App will allow you to see your child’s points on a daily basis. This app should not however, be used as a form of communication between the teacher and parent. Emails are the best way to reach me!

SPECIALS SCHEDULE

PE: Blue Days

ART/MUSIC: White Days

LRC: Thursday

RECESS/LUNCH: 11:25-12:00

SNACK: 1:15 daily (snack milk may be purchased through office)

***Allergy Awareness** - One or more students in our classroom have an allergy to peanuts/shellfish/strawberries/latex. Please be aware of this allergy so that all of our students are safe in the classroom. If your child brings a snack that contains these items, understand that we will ask them to eat their snack at a designated table in our classroom so that we can promptly clean the area to prevent any issues. They will still be with friends while snacking but this helps ensure that all of our students are safe. Thank you!

CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

Our classroom newsletter is called **“THE HARTY HEADLINES”**. It will be emailed to you every Friday. The newsletter will contain classroom and school information.

FRIDAY FOLDERS

This folder will contain graded papers, school handouts, and classroom notes. Please look for it every Friday and sign the enclosed sheet. Your child can then return it to school on Monday.

ODDS AND ENDS

*Flip-flop sandals should not be worn at recess.

*Please adhere to the **dress code**. All tops must be at least three adult fingers wide on shoulders and bottoms must touch fingertips of hands. Additional information is in the parent/student handbook.

*Please ***do not*** send in food related items for birthdays or classroom parties.

*Milk may be purchased at lunch for \$0.30.

* Ice Cream is sold on Tuesday and Thursday for \$1.00

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please feel free to email me at: sharty@nlsd122.org or leave a voicemail message at 815-485-2115 ext. 6239. You can also send in a note with your child. If it's an emergency, please phone the office at 815-485-2115.

Let's Have A Great Year!