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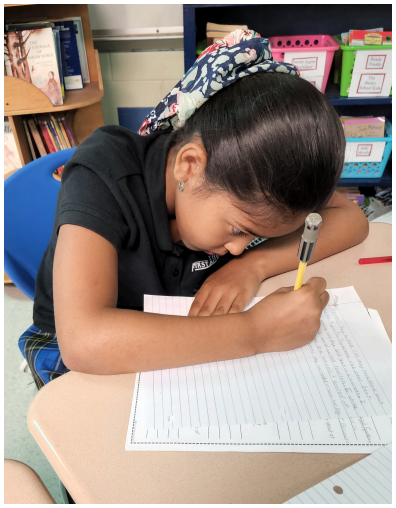


WELCOME TO 3RD GRADE

Top 7 Differences from 2nd Grade

- Level of work and expectation becomes more challenging than in previous grades
- Writing expectations increase to 5 paragraphs with minimum of 5 sentences per paragraph
- Move from learning to read- decoding words using their knowledge of the alphabet- to reading to learn with harder reading passages
- The level of abstract thinking in mathematics increases
- Math Facts speed drills - graded (Multiplication 1st semester, Division 2nd semester)
- 1:1 iPads that students take home to use for school work
- Major emphasis on student independence, organization, personal responsibility, and problem-solving skills, especially socially

READING & PHONICS

Comprehension Strategies
Weekly Vocabulary & Comprehension Tests, Oral Fluency, Weekly Phonics (Spelling) Lists with Tests

MATH

Place Value, Addition/Subtraction (4-digit), Understand Multiplication & Division, Properties & Equations, Fractions, Measurement, Represent & Interpret Data, Perimeter & Area, Geometry, Money, Time, Problem Solving

WRITING / ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Imaginative Narratives & Persuasive Essays (5 paragraphs)
Poetry, 8 Parts of Speech and Sentence Structure
Handwriting - Cursive

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

Ecosystems/Plants/Matter/Motion & Force/Electricity & Magnets/Solar System/Mapping/Geography & Culture of North America/ Famous Americans/Economics/Government & Civics

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Prayer & Devotions
Biblical Truths
Focus on Image Bearing
Scripture Memory
Biblical Worldview Integration

HOMEWORK

Daily Math Practice
Spelling Words
Accelerated Reader
Study for quizzes & tests
Bible Memory Verse

3rd Grade READINESS SKILLS

- Read 127 words per minute
- Understand the ones, tens, and hundreds place value
- Have a STAR Reading and Math Score 3.0+
- Write a paragraph with 4 supporting sentences, with proper grammar and punctuation
- Add and subtract numbers through 100
- Compare and order numbers to 100
- Solve addition and subtraction fact problems (3 secs.)
- Read & write numbers up to 1,000
- Solve 1-2 step word problems

MAJOR PROJECTS

Class Chapel Presentation

Vocabulary Parade

Famous Americans Wax Museum

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent Association Volunteers

Classroom Coordinators

Special Project Helpers

Field Trip Chaperones

Provide Prizes / Supplies

SPECIAL EVENTS

Owl Day

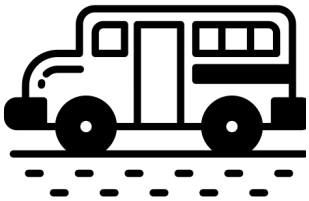
Bat Day

Thanksgiving Reader's Theater Presentation

Vocabulary Parade

50s Day Celebration

Famous Americans Wax Museum



FIELD TRIPS

Marine Science Center

Theatre Trip with Music Class

GRADING SCALE

- A = 100-90%
- B = 89-80%
- C = 79-70%
- D = 69-60%
- F = 59% & below

Weighted Grades
65% Assessments
35% Classwork

SUMMER ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Complete Boost Skill Plans for 2nd Grade

- Summer Boost Skill Plans-Math
- Summer Boost Skill Plans-Language Arts

READ BOOKS & TAKE AR QUIZZES

Rising 3rd Graders Summer AR Goal = 10 points
(Does not count toward 1st quarter goal)

- TFA's AR Testing Site
- 3rd & 4th Grade Suggested Reading List
- Accelerated Reader Book Finder