



3rd Grade Orientation
2016-2017

3rd Grade Expectations



- Huge difference between 2nd and 3rd grade
 - **More responsibility**
 - Writing homework and spelling words down weekly
 - Returning items – teacher will not check binders
 - Study guides
 - **More Independent**
 - Working independently
 - Being prepared for all tests
 - **Georgia Milestones in April (Math and ELA)**

Grading System for 3rd Grade



- 4=Exceeding
- 3=Mastery
- 2=Progressing
- 1= Needs Improvement

* Scores of 1 and 2 are considered failing.

Progress Reports and Report Cards



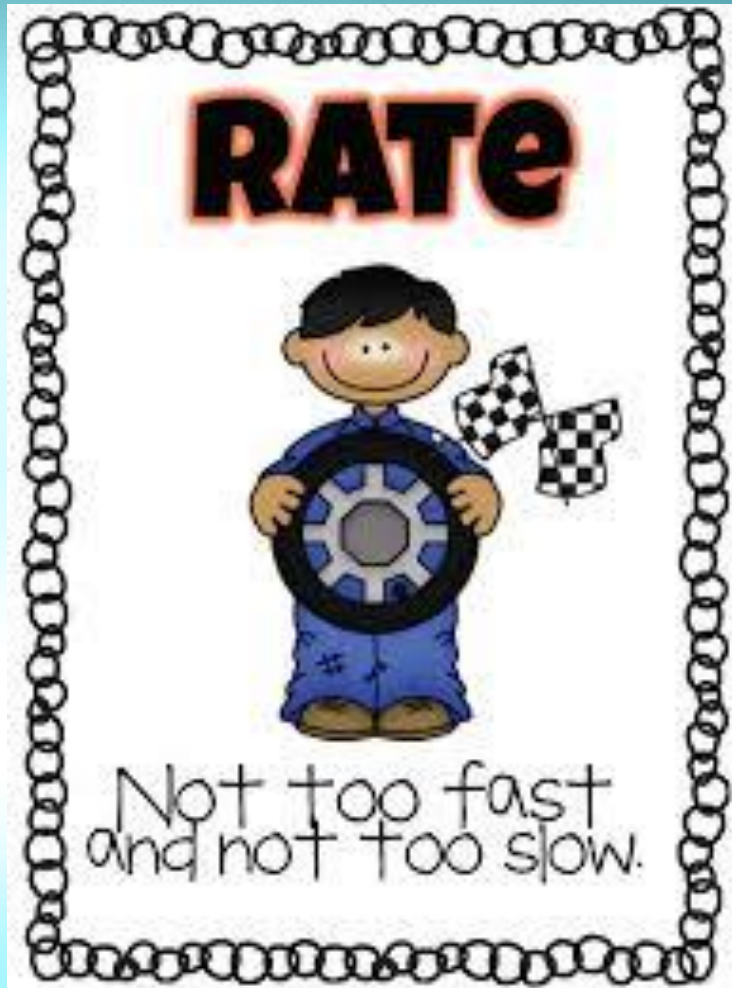
- Progress Reports are every 4 ½ weeks and show the standards we have been working on.
- Report Cards are every 9 weeks and show the standards we cover over that 9 week period.
- Parent conferences are the weeks of Oct. 10-14 and March 20-24. I will use Sign Up Genius for you to pick the best available time.



Fluency

Fluency is assessed weekly. Your child needs to read 120 words per minute by the end of Third Grade.

After mastering this standard, your child will continue to be monitored but will not have fluency homework.



Math Fact Fluency



- 3rd graders should already have addition and subtraction facts memorized.
- **Multiplication facts are the focus for 3rd grade.**
- Knowing these facts is extremely important to your child's success.
- Ideas to help:
 - Make flash cards with index cards
 - Buy flash cards
 - Play a game with your child to see if they can produce the answer before you can retrieve the answer on a calculator (Beat the Calculator)
 - Internet games (www.multiplication.com)

School Time



- **We cannot accept transportation changes or parent excuses through email or dojo. Please send a written note.**
- **If your child will be leaving school differently, BOTH parties must send a note to the teacher. (This includes both bus and pickup.)**
- **Parents are welcomed to eat with their child, but may not invite other children to sit with them.**
- **Parents may not take pictures of other children when visiting the school.**

Attendance



- **School attendance is crucial to academic success.**
- **Students are allowed 3 parent excuses per semester.**
- **Please remember to send a parent or doctor's note within 3 days of your child's absence.**

Housekeeping things



- Any money that comes in, needs to be labeled. (Ice cream, lunch, etc.)
- All school supplies need to remain at school.
- On PE days, please send your child to school in **SAFE SHOES**. Our recess time is very limited. Please have your child wear clothes and shoes you don't mind them playing in.

Homework



- Students have homework Monday – Thursday
- Homework is due Friday morning
- Practice fluency passage 3 times
- Read 20 minutes at www.clever.com/in/pscd, MyOn
- Choose 1 activity from the Spelling Menu each night
- Complete the 5-A-Day Math

Take Home Tuesdays



- Majority of fliers, forms, and announcements will be sent home on Tuesdays
- Stay Informed! – Take Home Tuesday folder with graded work.
 - Please go over papers with your child (especially any failing grades)
 - Sign and return folder, keep papers

Behavior and Class Dojo



We are earning Dojo points!

This is towards positive and negative behaviors.

You can see the exact times your child earned or lost a point and why (restroom, talking, following directions, etc).

If you have not accepted your Dojo invitation, please do so! Download the app for FREE at the app store.



Don't Forget...



- **To sign up for Class Dojo! Notify your child's teacher if you need another invite.**
- **Check email weekly for newsletter**
- **Check Take Home Tuesday folder and binder every Tuesday, sign, and return folder.**
- **Please check and empty your child's binder daily to help them stay organized.**

Thank you for being so supportive. Our ultimate goal is to ensure the success of your child!





• Any questions???