

The "MUST-KNOWS" ABOUT 3RD GRADE

READING

Your child will receive whole group, small group, and individual attention in reading. Please read with your child each night or have them read aloud to you. It is amazing what a difference just 20 minutes a day of reading will make in his/her education. There will be reading homework assigned each week.

MATH

Math will be taught through whole group, small group, and individualized instruction. There will be opportunities for hands-on learning, pencil/paper tasks, and fluency practice. There will be homework in math each week. Please help your child memorize basic multiplication and division facts.

HANDWRITING

Neat, legible handwriting is very important. Please enforce neatness on your child's work. We will be working on D'Nealian cursive later in the school year.

OTHER ACADEMICS

Social Studies and Science will be incorporated into the reading, writing, and math curriculum.

COMPUTERS

There are student computers in our classroom that will be used daily to enhance instruction. If you would like your child to use their own device, please complete the Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) form.

HOMEWORK

3rd grade homework will be given. It may or may not be digital. We will need to be flexible this year. It will consist of math review and 15 – 20 minutes of reading.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Students will attend Physical Education, Music, Art, Guidance, and Media Center on a rotating schedule. A calendar will be sent home to let you know the specials rotation for each month. Please make sure that your child wears tennis shoes on P.E. days. Specials are 9:45 – 10:20 daily.

SNACK

We will have a working snack each day. Please send a healthy, easy to eat snack (no spoons); drinks must be clear liquid only. Students will not have access to water fountains except to fill a reusable water bottle. Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day. Please make sure that the water bottle is labeled with your child's name.

COMMUNICATION

Newsletters will be sent home electronically. We will also use Remind for communication. For 3rd grade specific information sign up at rmd.at/nesgrade3 or text @nesgrade3 to 81010.

EMAIL

Reaching us by phone is often difficult; therefore, we encourage you to email us. Many times, we can get a response back to you much quicker by email than by phone. If you need to speak to us, messages can be left with the office from 7:30-3:30. We will get back to you as quickly as possible. Please DO NOT email transportation changes during the day; all changes must go through the front office.

DISCIPLINE

Our classrooms are **positive** places and reward appropriate behavior. While each teacher may track behavior differently in the classroom, students will have the same consequences. Students will begin on green each day. If misbehavior occurs, a warning will be given. If the behavior continues, the student will move to yellow and the consequence will be 2 laps at recess, further misbehavior will move the student to orange and will result in 4 laps at recess with parent contact, and further problems will result in a move to red which causes the student to "behave out" of the classroom (visit another place), 6 laps at recess, and parent contact. In addition, each classroom will use a system to reward positive behavior and students will be able to earn items or passes.

*Paulding Elementary Virtual Academy (PEVA) students will also use a reward system for positive behavior.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child requires medication at school, please be sure it is in the original container. Children are not allowed to transport medication to and from school. You must obtain a Medication Form from the office and personally transport the medicine.

LEARNING BRIDGE

Learning Bridge offers homework time, snacks, and activities after school. Hours of operation are 2:30-6:00 NO DROP-INS ARE ALLOWED. For more information, visit www.learningbridgepaulding.com.

CAFETERIA

The cost for lunch is \$2.15 and breakfast is \$1.40. When paying, please put all money in an envelope labeled "lunch money" and include your child's name and my name. Breakfast/lunch may be paid for on-line at www.myschoolbucks.com (Free and reduced forms were emailed to parents, if you are interested in applying.) Breakfast will be served from 7:20 to 7:50. In order to eat breakfast, your child MUST arrive at the cafeteria by 7:50. Breakfast and lunch is grab and go at this time, and we will be eating in the classroom. No visitors are allowed until further notice.

ABSENCES/TARDIES/EARLY CHECK-OUTS

School begins at 8:00 every day. Your child is tardy after 8:00. Dismissal procedures begin at 1:50 unless otherwise noted. School ends at 2:30. Attendance is essential to academic success; please make sure that your child attends school ALL DAY, EVERY DAY possible. Each semester, a parent may excuse 3 days of class with a written note. After 3 days, a DOCTOR'S NOTE is required, or the absence will be considered unexcused. Tardies and early check-outs are also tracked through the office and should be limited to ensure academic success. However, please DO NOT send your child to school if they are sick. Perfect attendance awards and attendance incentives will not be given this year.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents play a very important role in their child's school experience. However, we are not permitting visitors and volunteers at this time. PTA plans to schedule events for the year, so please join and get involved as you are able.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- ~Please DO NOT allow your child to bring toys to school; toys will be taken up & returned to parent.
- ~**Please label ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS with your child's name.**
- ~We encourage each of you to join **PTA** (only \$5.00) and help our class achieve 100% participation. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles—anyone may join!
- ~Please use RevTrak for all financial transactions, as we will be using it primarily this year.
- ~Birthdays are an exciting event and we LOVE to celebrate them! Unfortunately, we will not accept any treats/goodie bags for special occasions to be brought in this year.
- ~If your child forgets their lunchbox (home lunch), they will receive a school lunch.

Thank you so much for your support. Together we will make this a successful, exciting year for your child.