

# **WELCOME TO THIRD GRADE.....FROM MRS. PERRY**

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*Here is some information about what is happening in our third grade class!!!*

***WEEKLY SPELLING TESTS:*** A Parent newsletter will be sent home each Friday. It will tell about the weekly reading story and story vocabulary. On this sheet you will also find the Spelling words for the upcoming week. There will be a Spelling Test each Friday, unless a notice is sent home.

***HOMEWORK:*** Students will have homework Monday through Thursday, and occasionally over the weekend. They will usually have a math practice paper and a practice paper in one other subject. As part of homework, it is expected that the students will read at least 15 minutes each night. The reading time will increase as the year progresses. Please have students do their homework on their own. If they need help, you can start them off. Then let them do it on their own so that I can see where they might need help. Homework must be passed in each day. To check on their assignments, look in their AGENDA books. They will record their assignments each day. Please be sure that the agendas go back and forth from home to school everyday.

**WORK FOLDERS:** *I will be sending home a folder of completed work, as it is corrected. You may keep all papers sent home. Please sign the form in the folder to let me know that you have seen your child's work. Any quiz/test papers that have a score BELOW 70% (C-), will need to be signed by a parent. This is to keep you informed and we can certainly meet to discuss any concerns you might have. I can meet in the morning or the afternoon by appointment.*

**BOOK CLUB SECRETARY:** *Each year I ask a parent to be a book club secretary for our room. This involves sending in the book order. It can be done by mail or online. Money will be sent in to you and then you, in turn, make out a check. If anyone would like to do this, please let me know. It really is a great help!!! The order will arrive at school. Thanks.*

**CLASSROOM RULES:** *The students have made a list of rules that they think are fair and that will help us maintain a positive and respectful classroom. They are:*

**TREAT ALL PEOPLE WITH RESPECT.**

**LISTEN TO THE SPEAKER.**

**RAISE YOUR HAND TO SPEAK.**

**KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELF.**

**STAY IN YOUR SEAT.**

*After a warning, if a student continues to break a rule, they will miss five minutes of recess as a consequence.*

***CURSIVE WRITING:*** After a few weeks in school, I expect students to try writing in cursive handwriting. I don't expect perfection and I can usually read everyone's writing. We will work on this in school and every year I see great progress with practice!! Just a note: pencil grips can really help fingers stay comfortable while students write. It helps relieve the pressure.

***DONATIONS:*** We are always looking for donations of Clorox wipes for cleaning desks, hand sanitizer, and Kleenex. With so many children in the room, we go through these things very quickly.

***A BIT ABOUT GRADES:*** This is the first year your child will be receiving a letter grade in **READING, LANGUAGE, SPELLING MATH, PENMANSHIP, and CONDUCT.** **SOCIAL STUDIES and SCIENCE** will be graded with S or N for satisfactory or needs improvement. Daily class work, quizzes, tests, homework, and class participation are all taken into consideration to determine subject grades.

***A BIT MORE!!!!!!.....Please do not allow students to bring in small toys because they are distracting and often get lost. Also, if money needs to be sent in for any reason during the school year, please send it in an envelope and label it. Loose money often gets lost!!!!***

***I am looking forward to a wonderful year with your children!!!***

***Mrs. Perry***

