

## Third Grade Handbook

We are very excited about beginning a new school year with your child. Third grade can be very exciting as well as a challenging year. We hope that this handbook will help make the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade experience easier for you and your child. Third grade teachers this year are: Cathey Roberts, Gretta Smith, and Ramona Wright.

### Curriculum:

**Science** textbook is SRA and some units that are covered are:

- Rocks and Minerals
- Health Unit
- Plant Cycle
- Simple Machines
- States of Matter
- Space

**Math** textbook is Houghton Mifflin. The website for this series is [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) and some units covered are:

- Place value
- Measurement
- Probability
- Addition and Subtraction
- Simple Fractions
- Multiplication Facts 0-11's
- Simple division

**Language Arts** textbook is Macmillan\McGraw Hill and some units covered are:

- Parts of Speech
- Possessives
- Spelling
- Contractions
- Writing
- Punctuation

**Social Studies** textbook is Silver Burdett Ginn and some units covered are:

- Communities
- Government
- Economics
- Map Skills

State Standard for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade can be found at the [www.wcschools.com](http://www.wcschools.com) web page or <http://www.tennessee.gov/education/ci/standards/index.shtml>

### Classroom Rules and Consequences

The third grade discipline plan for this year will be a demerit system. There will be consequences for receiving demerits and rewards may be earned for good behavior.

Rules are as follows:

1. Listen and follow directions the first time given
2. Keep your hands, feet, objects, and unkind words to yourself

3. Respect others and their belongings
4. Obey all school rules
5. Come to class prepared to learn

Consequences for receiving a demerit

1. 1<sup>st</sup> demerit = warning
  2. 2<sup>nd</sup> demerit = 10 minutes walking on track in designated area during recess
  3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Demerit = 20 minutes walking on track in designated area during recess and call parents
  4. 4<sup>th</sup> demerit = go to the principal's office
- \*\* Some offenses may go straight to the office depending on severity.

Rewards: Verbal Praises and Special Privileges such as: lunch with the teacher, extra free time, and treats.

### **Agenda Book**

We are very excited to have the opportunity to use student agenda books again this year. We feel that this will increase Parent\Teacher communications as well as students' responsibility. Assignments, projects, and test dates are put on the board in a reasonable amount of time. It will be the students' responsibility to write each daily assignment in the agenda book. Students need to turn in the unfinished work the next morning for full points. If the assignment is not turned in the next morning there will be 10 points deducted from the assignment for every day it is late. Assignments that are turned in with no name will have 5 points taken from the score. Parents can help by signing the agenda book and checking that students have completed assignments. You can also use the agenda book to communicate any needs your child may have.

### **Communication**

We are looking forward to this year and expect it to be the best year yet. If you have any questions or concerns please call 444-3956 from 8:00 to 3:30, and we will check and return phone messages during our planning time or after school. We are available for meetings before and after school. Agenda books will be checked at about 2:30 everyday. If you write a message in the agenda book please have your child show us the agenda book earlier.

We also have teacher web pages. The web page has daily classroom information, including upcoming events, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade links, spelling lists, vocabulary lists and some study guides for tests (for students that lose their copy from class). The addresses are:

<http://teacherweb.com/TN/TuckersCrossroads/Wright/index.html>

<http://teacherweb.com/TN/TuckersCrossroads/MsGretta/index.html>

<http://teacherweb.com/TN/TuckersCrossroads/MrsRoberts3rdgrade/index.html>

We are also including our school e-mail addresses for you to contact us about any concerns or questions you may have. We will try to answer your e-mail in a timely manner either on our planning time or before or after school.

- [smithgk@wcschools.com](mailto:smithgk@wcschools.com)
- [robertsc@wcschools.com](mailto:robertsc@wcschools.com)
- [wrightr@wcschools.com](mailto:wrightr@wcschools.com)

## **Grades**

Progress reports are sent home in the middle of each nine-week grading period, and report cards are sent home every nine weeks. Our grading system is to weight everything out of a possible 100 points. Special projects and some tests may count double. Tuesday Folders with students' graded work will be sent home every Tuesday. Please check over the graded work and send only the folder back before Thursday. Many parents like to review these papers with their child to help reinforce the skills.

Our grading scale for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is:

- 100-93 = A
- 92-85 = B
- 84-75 = C
- 74-70 = D
- 69- 0 = F

## **Snack Guidelines**

If your child would like to bring a healthy snack to school each day these are the guidelines to follow:

- Your child may bring a water bottle to school with a pop-top lid not a screw on lid. Please send only water in these bottles.
- If you need a spoon to eat the snack please bring your own.
- Please send only a single serving size, please do not send the entire box of snack for one child.
- Please do not send candy, cookies, chips or soda for snack.
- Some suggestions for snacks:
  1. Apples, grapes, or other fruit
  2. Carrots or celery sticks
  3. Pretzels
  4. Popcorn
  5. Crackers or graham crackers
  6. Peanut butter crackers
  7. Fruit roll ups/gummy fruit snacks
  8. Goldfish crackers
  9. String cheese
  10. Granola bars

## **Field Trip**

We will plan two field trips this year. We will need several parents to help with these trips. If you are interested please let us know when the permission slip is sent home. Remember it is county policy that no siblings may attend the field trip.

## **Classroom Parties**

We will have three parties this year. They will be: fall (Halloween), Christmas, and Valentines. We will have a sign up sheet at Open House for any parent that would like to help with the parties. We will also send home notes for parents to sign up to bring items that are needed for the parties when time comes.

## **Student Birthday Parties**

If you would like to send in snacks for your child's birthday that will be fine, but the teacher has the discretion on the time the treats shall be passed out.

It is policy that names, addresses and phone numbers cannot be passed out. If you send invitations through the school for a birthday party, all children in the homeroom class must be included.

