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Dear Parents,

We realize this is a very busy time of the year for us all. We hope that the information below will help to answer some other questions you may have about the third grade. We'd like to thank you for your cooperation pertaining to supplies and homework thus far.

Our focus is to prepare each child to grow academically and socially, and help them progress and achieve their goals for the rest of the year. Furthermore, we will be focusing on skills to help prepare your child for state tests, which are new for them this year. In order to accomplish that, our main thrust will be literacy through science and social studies, and of course math. Our literacy curriculum includes the program HMH, a classroom library organized by genre and lexile level, grammar workbooks that will help develop specific language arts skills, and test-preparation books.

The mathematics program is geared to help each child think logically, step-by-step, to solve problems, and calculate correctly and understand and apply mathematical concepts. Children will learn to apply language skills to their mathematical thinking. The ENVISION curriculum provides a wealth of material and manipulatives to help students become life-long thinkers.

Our Social Studies curriculum is the study of 'Communities Around the World'. We will be learning why geography matters and how culture, geography and history shape a community.

Our Science curriculum includes the following units: forces and interactions, relationships in ecosystems, life cycles and traits, and weather and climate. Science will be taught in class and will also be taught by Mr. Paul Nacinovich for 2 periods a week.

The students will also have art, technology, physical education, and handwriting as the schedule allows – all of which make a rich school year.

Physical Education is offered twice a week to your child's class. Please ensure that your child is prepared with sneakers for Physical Education on those days.

In the event that you need to speak to your child's teacher concerning your child, please call the office and leave a message or send a note in with your child. Your child's teacher will respond to you as soon as possible.

Homework will be assigned each day. Some assignments will be over-night, while others will be long range. Any assignment should not be saved till the last minute. Each day assignments will be copied into the agenda to help students remember and aid parents in checking their homework. If there is a problem with the completion of homework, it will reflect in the student's grades, and there will be home contact. Please check your child's assignment notebook nightly and be sure all homework is done neatly and completely. In addition, please be certain that your child is engaged in independent reading each night and a reading log is kept to record their reading.

Field trips are a privilege for students. The purpose of trips is for children to gain academically, socially, physically, and experimentally. Behavior is expected to be exemplary and chaperones will be invited as space allows.

It is extremely important that your child be on time each day at school, so he or she is not disadvantaged by a delayed personal start and the class is not disrupted. Absences should occur only when absolutely unavoidable. Please have your child promptly give the teacher a note explaining the reasons for each lateness or absence.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you to make this a successful school year for you and your child.

Sincerely,

Third-grade Teachers