

## Third Grade Classroom Newsletter

### September 2016

Dear Families of Third Graders,

Welcome back to school! We've had a smooth, busy classroom this first week. I'm really enjoying getting to know your children!

We will continue to spend time this year on various activities that build a classroom and school culture of caring. In order for students to learn, they need to feel safe and cared for within a positive, inviting environment. Routines and expectations will be reinforced and, hopefully, your child is sharing many parts of their school day with you.

A few details:

- Your child has an assignment book and a "Boomerang Folder" which are intended to last the year. They need to travel back and forth from home to school each day. In school students write down their homework assignments daily as well as other special information and events. Please assist and encourage this organization!
- In general, third graders are expected to read outside of school for 20 - 30 minutes daily.
- Starting in a week or so, third graders will be given math homework Monday through Thursday. Generally, math homework is a reinforcement of lessons covered in class or a review of various skills. Language Arts homework such as grammar sheets, spelling practice, reading for comprehension and writing will be given 2 - 3 times/week. Third graders will have a weekly spelling list and a spelling test on Fridays. There will be no weekend home other than the expectation to keep reading. (That means the assignment book will not come home on Fridays. The Boomerangs will in case notes need to come back and forth.)
- Attached is a weekly schedule. I'll send a new one if there are changes.
- I've included the first book order if that is something you wish to do. You can order on line or return the form by Friday, 9/9.

Thanks to those who have sent in classroom supplies. We really appreciate it.

I hope to see many of you Wednesday evening, 9/7 at our "Back to School Pot Luck".

I look forward to a positive and successful year with your child. Please keep me posted on matters that would concern or affect our school day. You can email me at [jslayton@wrvsu.org](mailto:jslayton@wrvsu.org).

Sincerely,

Jean Slayton

