

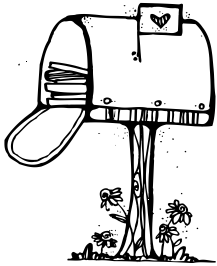


Friday, September 6, 2019

to Mrs. Mannerter's Class

I want to welcome you all to the third grade!!! I am very excited about the school year ahead. I hope that it is full of stimulating activities and events that will allow your child to grow both academically and spiritually. I hope to establish and maintain a comfortable, but exciting environment, full of constant motivation, support, and encouragement.

Listed below are a few key points that will help you become more aware of what to expect throughout the year.



Communication If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please come to me, I am always happy to talk to you. If I am not available during the day, I would be happy to return your phone calls or schedule an appointment to discuss any concerns you may have. You can contact me by phone 651-406-4747. I will be checking it daily. You can also email me at bmannerter@fscsmn.org. Look for a newsletter posted on my webpage most Fridays. If it is a short week I will not create a newsletter. I will also send my weekly newsletter home via email.

Webpage I have a web page on the school website where you may find additional information. I will post homework, book reports, other long projects, newsletters, and links to useful web sites. I will try to update homework daily but students are still responsible for writing their homework in their planners.

Classroom Jobs We have several jobs available in our classroom. Each student will have a chance to do each job at least once this year. These jobs change weekly and teach students responsibility and leadership.



Student of the Week Each week a new student is randomly selected to be the student of the week. A note will be sent home the week before. Each day is a special day. Monday – sharing sack, pictures and info sheet; Tuesday – favorite book; Wednesday – parent letter; Thursday – lunch buddy; Friday – star friends. All things will be returned at the end of the week. For more information please see my webpage.



Snack We will be having a snack break in the morning. Please send a healthy snack with your child each day (please no candy, chips or cookies). Please do not send juice boxes, they tend to leak and invite ants. If a fork or spoon is needed, please send that along with the snack. I strongly encourage the students to have water bottles in the classroom.

Birthdays Due to the increased number of children with various allergy restrictions and in accordance with the District 196 celebration policy, birthday treats and trinkets will NOT be allowed in the school. Parents are asked to not bring fast food, birthday treats, trinkets, balloons, flowers or other items to the cafeteria at lunchtime. Birthday celebrations will be limited to the classrooms and decorating of students' lockers will not be permitted.



Also, as a side note, if you are planning a party for after school hours, we ask that invitations be distributed outside of school. This is done to avoid hurt feelings.

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Homework Homework will be assigned each night Monday – Thursday. Students are responsible for copying the homework assignment from the board and for taking home assignments in their homework folder. Their planners and folders should come to school every day and go home every night. Any work not finished in class is homework unless the students are CLEARLY told otherwise.

Homework assignments are not meant to be too lengthy or time consuming. The main reason I assign homework is to review or expand upon a skill that we have learned in class. If your child struggles with his/her homework or it takes him/her a long period of time to complete it please let me know.

Homework Expectations

- Homework should be completed in pencil
- Work must be labeled with your name and number
- Your work should be neatly and carefully written so that it is easy to read
- When writing, be sure to use your own words
- Remember to always try your best

Helpful hints at home

- Create a calm, clean work area. Ex: desk, kitchen table
- Use a shoe box, basket or plastic container to keep pencils, erasers, crayons, scissors, glue, paper and other supplies you may need for homework.
- Place your homework supplies in a handy location for easy use.
- Once you are finished with your homework, put it back into your backpack so you are ready for school.

Friday Folders Every Friday your child will bring home a folder containing completed homework, tests, in-class work, and notes from the teacher. Please look through these papers with your child and return the empty folder to school the following Monday.

Reading Each night your child is asked to read, or be read to, at least 20 minutes. I strongly encourage parents to take part in this reading time. Not only is it a chance to share time with your child, but research also shows that children become better readers if they are read to, with, and by.

Scholastic Book Orders Once a month I will send home a scholastic book order. This is optional. If you are interested in ordering please send back the order form and check made out to Scholastic by the next week or you can order online. Order forms and money should be in an envelope marked book orders with your child's name. If ordering online please see the note attached to the bookorders.

Curriculum The curriculum in third grade consists of religion, math, language arts, social studies, and science. It is my goal to stimulate each child's God-given curiosity and to foster the growth of independent problem solvers.

- ❖ *Religion:* Christian morality and living are taught and practiced each day. Students will deepen their faith by studying the creed, scripture, prayer, and sacraments. Social justice and service are also emphasized in our school.
- ❖ *Math:* The students will explore concepts, develop understanding, connect learning, practice and refine skills, and develop problem solving strategies in a variety of areas. Multiplication and division skills are heavily practiced throughout the third grade.
- ❖ *Language Arts:* In addition to the standard reading and writing curriculum these skills will be developed throughout each subject.

- *Reading:* Reading skills are strengthened through books and guided reading. A variety of book selections will be read aloud daily to enhance vocabulary and interest in literature. Students have quiet time each day to independently read books of their choice.
 - *Writing:* Through the teaching of mini-lessons and grammar skills, students will grow in their confidence to write.
 - *Spelling:* Your child will have nightly spelling assignments to help him/her learn the words as well as practice other important skills/rules. Our spelling test will be on Friday.
- ❖ *Social Studies:* The theme for our Social Studies curriculum is “Our Communities” with a particular emphasis on American communities and culture. Students will be involved in a variety of projects relating to this theme. We will also take part in the Junior Achievement program to continue learning about communities.
 - ❖ *Science:* We are starting our science curriculum with a unit on space. Third graders will also study and participate in experiments based on magnetism and electricity, life cycles, and earth’s materials. It is my goal to make science meaningful to the children by using several experiments and activities that correlate with everyday life. Through these experiments, students will observe and discover the greatness of this world God created.

Teaching Philosophy My goal is to provide a positive and challenging educational environment for your child, as well as to show him or her that learning can be fun. I expect all my students to abide by the rules. I believe that good discipline and behavior are necessary in establishing an atmosphere where learning takes place.

I feel that children learn through imitating those around them. I hope to be a positive role model and aid in the development of your child, both educationally and spiritually. I expect my class to be mature enough to accept responsibility for their words and actions. In turn, I will try my best to teach them responsibility through my own words and actions.

I care about your child’s individual needs and growth. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am available to meet with you at your convenience. I am really excited about the upcoming year, and if we all work together, it will be GREAT!!!!

Sincerely,
Bridget Mannerter