

Meet the Teacher Night 2019-2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the third grade! This year has been off to a fantastic start. The children are getting acquainted with our classroom procedures and have been adjusting very well. My goal is to provide the students with a productive and fun filled year. Below are some important items that will help you understand what is expected of your child this year. Together we can help ensure that your child has an excellent year in third grade that is filled with accomplishments.

Our Specials Schedule:

Monday: Gym

Tuesday: Art and Spanish

Thursday: Mass and Art

Friday: STEM

Homework:

All students are expected to complete ALL of their homework every night. Each child will be given time throughout the day to copy their nightly homework into their planner. The students will be expected to pack their backpack with the correct books each night. The list of books needed will be displayed on the SMARTboard at the end of every day. All homework, tests, and assignments will also be posted on our class page on the school website. Incomplete or missing homework will result in a lower report card grade. Some homework assignments will be checked weekly instead of daily, such as Spelling, which will be assigned on Monday and checked on Friday. At times projects or take home assignments will be sent home and must be completed by the due date.

Academics:

We will spend a large portion of the day on reading and writing skills. We will be using the Engage NY Modules, which follow the Common Core Standards. A variety of novels have also been added to the curriculum. Our Math series, Go Math, will also follow the Common Core Standards. We will begin with the times tables and they will consistently be part of assignments throughout the school year. Please review multiplication facts every night. Classwork assignments are expected to be completed in a timely manner and will be factored in to all report card grades. Please note that grammar will be an essential part of third grade. Grammar will be counted on all assignments. The children will be expected to use correct sentence structure such as, capitalization and punctuation on all written responses and it will also be counted on content area tests.

Grading Policy:

Reading/Language Arts- Tests: 40%, Writing: 30%, Quiz: 10%, Classwork: 10%, Spelling: 10%.

Math- Tests: 50%, Quizzes: 30%, Classwork: 20%.

Science/Social Studies/ Religion- Tests: 50%, Quizzes: 20%, Classwork: 20% Homework: 10%.

School Policies:

There is no snack permitted in the third grade classrooms. However, we will celebrate birthdays if you would like to send in a treat for your child's special day. Please be very mindful that we are a peanut/nut free school due to some serious allergies in our school. It is extremely important that we comply with this regulation. If your child has a summer birthday, he/she may choose to celebrate his/her half birthday, or choose a day at the end of the year to celebrate. Please make sure to read the handbook and use it as a reference for all uniform policies. Third grade students are expected to be in complete uniform throughout the entire year.

Terranova Testing:

Terranova Testing will begin on October 15th . The test will be discussed in class, but we will not stress over it. Terranova is a series of standardized achievement tests designed to assess student achievement in a variety of subjects. The test is long and will be a series of days; therefore, the workload during that week will be limited. Please make sure that your child gets to bed early and eats a healthy breakfast each morning.

Communication:

If you need to contact me, you may send a note in with your child or email me at dfarragher@stfrancisschoolbh.net and I will get back to you. Please note, I will answer emails until 6:00pm on weekdays. Any email sent later in the evening will be answered the following school day. Any emails sent on the weekend will be answered on Monday. I will be sending class emails at times to inform you about different class activities or important school dates. There may be times that you receive a call from me, please do not panic or expect the worst. I may just need to confer with you regarding your child's social or academic progress. You can also contact me through Class Dojo by sending me a message. If there is a change of plans for dismissal for your child please let me know via email or a handwritten note. Please know that I have your child's best interest at heart and we are on the same team. I look forward to working together with all of you to create a great school year. I thank you in advance for your anticipated support and cooperation.

God Bless,

Danielle Farragher

