



3C News - September



Adjusting to New Routines

I don't know about the students, but Mrs. Krutsinger is tired! As you can tell, we work very hard in third grade, and it can be overwhelming after a long summer vacation. I am so proud of 3C! I am amazed at how well the students are picking up on our daily routine. Like I mentioned in the first newsletter, I do not believe in assigning large amounts of homework. If your student is bringing home homework, they are still adjusting to our busy schedule in third grade. I hope we all continue to adjust to our new routine. Also, we send the vocabulary and spelling words home nightly for studying, but we use those words in class daily. Your student should be placing them in the return to school side of their homework folder. Please be sure that they are coming back to school.

Important Dates

There are some important dates to remember in September. These include:

- September 6: No School/Labor Day
- September 15: Midterms sent home
- September 16: Ag in the Classroom
- September 17: 12:30 dismissal
- September 23: Magic Bookshelf Lyceum
- September 24: Farm Safety Day
- September 25: Appleknocker at FES



Third Grade Expectations

I have been speaking to the students about expectations in third grade. It is my responsibility to make sure students are prepared for fourth grade, and I know these expectations will help them.

- Students must spell words correctly on assignments when a word list is provided. The students should be able to copy the words correctly. If they do not spell the word correctly a point will be deducted. However, if the words are not provided they will not be punished for misspelling a word unless it is a spelling word.
- A point will be deducted for sentences that do not begin with a capital letter.
- A point will be deducted for sentences that do not have punctuation.

I hope you understand that this is part of preparing your student for the fourth grade. In third grade, I hope to teach your student to be more responsible when completing his/her work. Encourage your student to listen and follow directions. I always go over the instruction with the class at least 2 times before having them work independently.

Spelling and Vocabulary Lists

If your student forgets their list, I will update a copy of the list weekly on my webpage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school (662-2014) or via email (ckrutsinger@floraschools.com). Thank you for all your cooperation and effort at home!



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Looking Ahead

In Math, it would be helpful to memorize addition and subtraction facts. I have many students that are still having difficulty with addition/subtraction and it won't be long until we start multiplication. It will be very difficult to understand multiplication if the students are still struggling with addition. Thirty minutes of practice on flash cards or a math game online such as abcya.com could be very helpful. This website has fun interactive games for skills such as addition, subtraction, and rounding which could be helpful practice for all of the students.

In Reading, we will be focusing on characters and what makes a character unique, during module 1.

In Social Studies, we will be working on our Continents and Oceans unit. We will begin working on a Science unit after we complete the Continents and Oceans unit.

Grading Scale

In case you do not recall our grading scale from years past, I thought I would include it in the newsletter.

100% A+

99 - 95 A

94 A-

93 B+

92 - 87 B

86 B-

85 C+

84 - 78 C

77 C-

76 D+

75 - 70 D

69 D-

Grades

Your student will be receiving letter grades in all subjects except physical education, art, and music. In these subjects and E, M, BL (exceeds, meets, below) will be assigned. These grades are assigned by the physical education, art, and music teachers.





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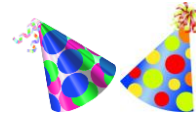


Reading Workshop

We have been working very hard on developing Reading Workshop. For the first 18 days, our main focus is how to read without becoming distracted. If we read with focus, we often get lost in our books and enjoy reading much more! Next, we will begin working on reading and responding to a focus question. This will help students write about texts that they are reading and putting their thoughts and feeling about reading into a response. We are very excited about this! In addition, Mrs. Durre will be coming into our classroom for 40 minutes to help students build these reading skills.

Parties

Birthdays are fun and all of us like to feel special on our birthday. If you plan to observe your student's birthday, please notify me a few days before, so I can include it in our schedule. Only store bought treats may be brought to school. This is the school policy. If you are planning a birthday party for your child outside of school, invitations cannot be handed out to individuals unless the entire class is invited. It keeps others from having hurt feelings.



We will also be celebrating four holidays this year: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter. Instead of having parents sign up to bring drinks and snacks, the third grade teachers do a "Party in a Bag". We will send a brown paper bag home with each child with suggestions on how to fill it.

