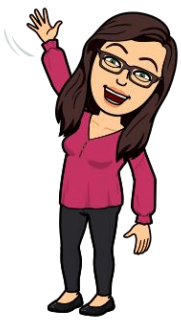


# Welcome to 3rd Grade

## 2023-2024 Syllabus



We would like to welcome all of you to third grade! We are very excited about teaching your children in what we hope will be a challenging and fun year. As you think about this year, remember that third grade is not what it used to be. This is our eighth year using the South Carolina College and Career-Ready Standards, which are a single set of clear educational standards for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in English Language Arts and Mathematics that SC adopted in January 2015. This will be our fourth year implementing the 2020 South Carolina College and Career-Ready Social Studies Standards. Although the skills required are at a higher level, we know through teacher modeling, hands-on activities, and parental support your child will be successful. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment for a conference.

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Your child will have homework Monday - Thursday each week. We expect all homework to be completed by the student and turned in at the beginning of the school day. Homework will reflect what we have already covered or what we are currently covering in class. It will be a part of your child's participation grade each quarter. Please check your child's homework for completion and sign their homework folder each night. If for some reason your child is not able to complete the homework assignment, please write a note with an explanation so we can address the homework the following day.

Projects are also given throughout the year that and will have a specific due date. Projects will be graded with a rubric outlining the project expectations. Parents may assist in completing projects, but the majority of the work must be completed by the child.



- **We expect every child to come to school prepared to work each day.**
- **We expect each child to have respect for his/her classmates so that everyone feels safe sharing their thoughts and feelings.**
- **We expect everyone to participate and follow directions.**

We will use the school-wide behavior policy to reward and discipline students as necessary. Please refer to your child's school handbook regarding school rules and consequences. A separate sheet will be sent home explaining the school wide behavior policy. Your child is responsible for bringing home their agenda sheet with daily behavior recorded. Parents please be sure to sign agendas as this is a daily communication between parents and teachers.

### Attendance Matters..every school day counts!

It is very important for your child to be present and on time daily in order to learn and keep up with the rigor of third grade. We understand that there are times when your child cannot be present at school. It is your child's responsibility to make sure that all missed assignments are made up in a timely manner. Please refer to the handbook for the procedures on an absence or tardy.

## Textbooks and Materials

The following textbooks will be used for each subject area in addition to teacher-created materials, chapter books, picture books, and other various resources.

Reading: Amplify

Math: Big Ideas Math

Science: Pearson Science and Foss Kits

Social Studies: Social Studies Weekly

## THIRD GRADE RETENTION

*From the SC Department of Education Website:*

Act 284 (Read To Succeed) requires that, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, a student must be retained in the third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of third grade as indicated by scoring at the lowest achievement level on the state summative reading assessment SC READY. A student may be exempt for good cause from the mandatory retention but shall continue to receive instructional support and services and reading intervention appropriate for their age and reading level.

**\*\*More information about this will be coming home soon!\*\***

## Grading Policy

In each homeroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be receiving grades in 5 main subject areas: Reading, Math, Writing, Social Studies, and Science. Listed below are each subject area and the assessments used. Each assessment is weighted differently on a 100% scale to give the total grade. Grades will be entered in Powerschool, the online grade book where parents can view grades. Check with the front office to receive your password that will give you access to your child's grades.

30% Summative: Unit Tests, Projects, Writing Prompts

40% Formative: Quizzes, Daily Work

30% Participation: Homework, Practice, Review

### South Carolina's 10 Point Grading Scale

90-100 ----- A

80-89 ----- B

70-79 ----- C

60-69 ----- D

59-below ----- F

## Tips for Parents

- Have your child read aloud to you each night and study any provided notes frequently.
- Rereading familiar books helps build reading fluency. Children need practice in reading comfortably and with expression using books they know.
- When your child reads aloud to you and makes a mistake, point out the words he/she has missed and help him/her to read the words correctly.
- After your child has stopped to correct a word he/she has read, have him/her reread the entire sentence from the beginning so he/she understands what the sentence is saying.
- Ask your child to tell you in his/her own words what happened in the story.
- To check your child's understanding of what he/she is reading, occasionally pause and ask your child questions about the characters and events in the story. Ask what new information he/she has learned from the book.
- Mathematics is taught using a variety of strategies these days – it may be different from how you learned it! If your child is unsure of what to do & you need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher!
- Multiplication math facts will begin soon. Please practice with your child on a daily basis to achieve math fact fluency.

## \$Money\$

All required money (field trips, etc.) should be sent to school in an envelope/bag labeled with the following:

- Child's name
- Purpose for money
- Amount of money

# Course Outline

The attached page is a course calendar outlining the topics that will be taught for each subject during each quarter of the school year. This is our sixth year using the South Carolina College and Career-Ready Standards for ELA and Math, so please remember as resources are changing that this is just an outline and is subject to change depending on the needs of our students and district guidelines.

## ELA Units

### Literary & Informational Texts

Novel Studies

Fables

Myths and Legends

Biography

Historical Fiction

Research

### Communication/Speaking and Listening

Building Community

### Writing Focus

Narratives

Descriptive Writing

Biography

Persuasive Writing

Text Dependent Writing

Informational Writing

Research-based Writing

Cursive Writing

### Genre Focus:

Non-fiction and Realistic Fiction

Folktales

Poetry

## Math Units

### Operations & Algebraic Thinking

Understanding Multiplication

### Number and Operations in Base Ten

Place Value

Addition

Subtraction

### Operations & Algebraic Thinking

Understanding Division

Applying Multiplication & Division

Properties & Equations

### Numbers & Operations - Fractions

Fractions

### Geometry

Geometry

### Measurement & Data

Measurement

Represent & Interpret Data

Perimeter & Area

### Measurement & Data

Graphing

### Review

# Social Studies Units

Map Skills and Earth's Features

Environment and People

Culture and Economy

Exploration and Migration



# Resources

<http://scfriendlystandards.org/elementaryk.htm>

Above is the website link where you can view the family-friendly ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science Standards for third grade.

The following are also useful websites.

<http://ed.sc.gov/>

<http://www.multiplication.com/>

<http://wm.dorchester4.k12.sc.us/home.asp>

<http://knowitall.org>

<https://www.getepic.com/students>

<https://pbskids.org/games/math>

<https://pbskids.org/games/reading>

<https://www.splashlearn.com>

# Science Units

Scientific Investigations

Safety

Scientific Inquiry

Process Skills

Physical Science

Heat and Changes of Matter

Electricity and Magnetism

Earth Science

Landforms

Changes in Earth's Surface

Rocks and Minerals

Soils

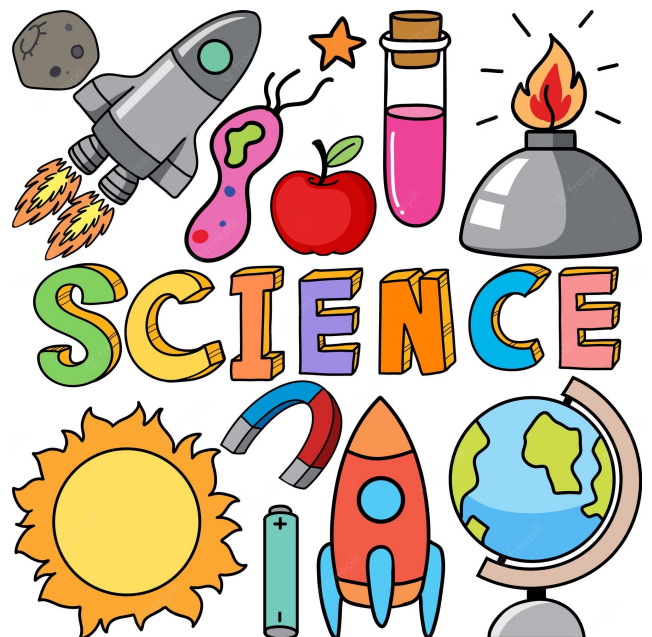
Life Science

Animal Adaptations

Plants

Food Chains and Life Cycles

Habitats



**\*\*\*Please sign and return this portion of the letter after reading all content.**

My child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the information provided in the 3rd grade Syllabus.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date