

September 9, 2011

Dear Third Grade Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As we begin the school year I would like to clarify some areas of concern you may have about third grade. Third grade seems to be a bridge or transition between the primary and intermediate academic levels. We do not follow the A-F grading scale used by the intermediate and junior high grade levels (yet), however the expectations in regard to academics and responsibility have moved beyond that of the primary level.

1. Expect your child to have more schoolwork to accomplish each day. Schoolwork becomes homework when it is not completed in the amount of time allowed for that subject, or not completed during study period. The Third Graders will have a study period near the end of the day. You may want to ask your child how he/she is using this study period. If your child does not have homework on any particular day, they should be reading more than they usually do after school.
2. Expect your child to have assignments recorded in their student planner each day for each subject taught. Students are given time to copy assignments when they are assigned or during study period near the end of the day. Assignments should be checked off as they are completed. This makes it very easy for you to see what assignments still need to be completed each evening.
3. Assignments are late or missing if not turned in the day after they are assigned, unless another due date has been given by the teacher or if the student has been absent. Each day an assignment is late, 10% will be deducted from the score. **Please do not bring forgotten work or items to school for your child during the school day.** This only enables them to be irresponsible and also is not fair to responsible students.

The above mentioned areas may generate some comments/concerns. Please consider that we have a great amount of curriculum to cover in third grade as directed by our learner outcomes and performance indicators. In addition to our curriculum, **responsibility** and **time management** are very important and necessary learning goals for third grade students. Some of you may feel there is too much homework at times throughout the school year. I will make every effort to be fair and considerate with our expectations. Please feel free to contact me if you have concerns or questions. I am enjoying your children each day. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Marshall



Please sign, date, and return the bottom portion of this letter to indicate that you are aware of, understand, and support our expectations for third grade. Keep the top portion for your reference/reminder.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

(Expectation letter)