



Welcome to
3rd grade!

Mr. Wolf Johnson

& Mrs.

Mr. Wolf is a WHS & THE University of Akron graduate. He is currently working on his administration master's degree at Emporia State. He has four step boys and a five year old daughter. He also coaches basketball and football!

Mrs. Johnson is a Wadsworth native, graduating from WHS and Mount Union College. She has her master's in Elementary Reading and Literacy and is currently working on another Masters in Administration. She has 2 boys- Tate (12) and Jack (9). She is a devoted soccer and basketball mom! Her husband, Mr. Johnson, is also a Wadsworth native and works as a chiropractor in Fairlawn!

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Classroom Rules

Here at Overlook, we follow the rules of **THE OVERLOOK WAY**, which states that ALL Overlook Grizzlies are...

**Safe*

***Kind**

***Responsible**

Our Daily Schedule

8:55-9:05 Students
enter. Tardy Bell rings at 9:05

9:05-9:15 Morning
Routines

9:15-11:00 Johnson- ELA
Wolf-

Math

11:00-11:05 Switch
classrooms

11:05-12:05 Johnson-
Math

12:45 - 1:37

Specials

1:37 - 2:15

Finish

Rotation

2:15-2:20
classrooms

Switch

2:20-2:55

Science

Soc

Studies

Tech/Cursive

2:55-3:30

Grizzly Time

Wolf-

Reading

- Our Reading curriculum is based on the Journeys series.
- We will include: Reading, Writing, Spelling, and Grammar into daily activities
- We will work in whole group sessions, as well as small group sessions
- I will do lots of diagnostic testing throughout the year to keep you informed!



SPELLING

- Spelling will be based on the Words Their Way program, which individualizes spelling lists, due to the students' needs. Lists will focus around a pattern or sound, and students will be expected to spell words with a similar pattern.



Grammar & WRITING

Grammar will be embedded into our weekly story, along with classroom small group work.

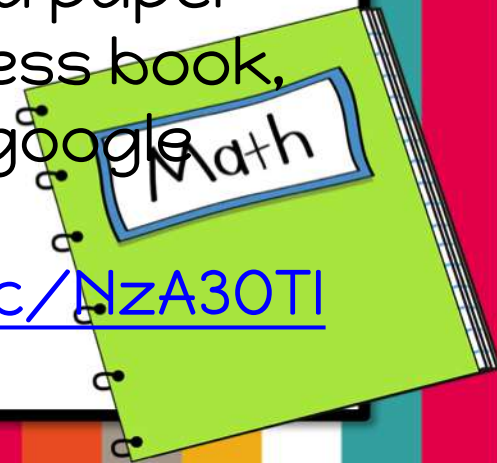
Writing is based off of the Lucy Calkins Units of Study. We will focus on:
Narrative writing,
Informational writing, and
Persuasive writing.



MATH

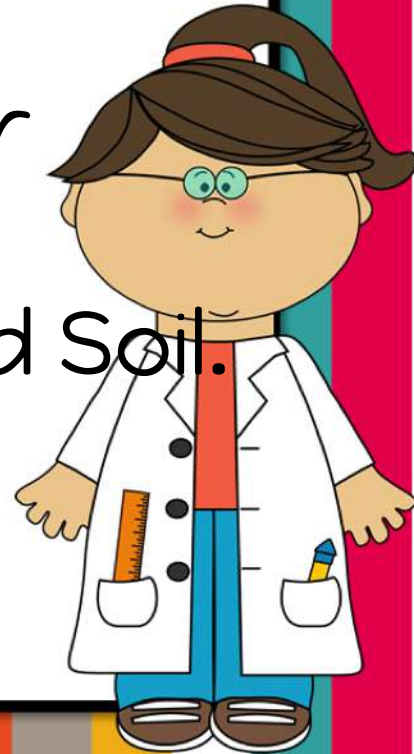
- We will follow the curriculum Go Math!
- There is a heavy emphasis on learning math facts from the four operations.
- There will be a nightly homework assignment (about 10 - 30 minutes).
- You can do homework online, print a paper homework, check grades on progress book, and do extra math practice on my google classroom site:

- <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzA30TI0Njg2Mlpa>



science

- Your child will have Science ONCE a trimester.
- We focus on 3 areas: Matter and Energy, Habitats and Adaptations, and Rocks and Soil.
- Mrs. Johnson will teach Science to all students.



SOCIAL STUDIES

- Your child will have Social Studies once a trimester.
- In third grade, we focus on local communities and the citizens, government, and businesses that operate these.
- Mr. Wolf teaches SS to all kids



TECHNOLOGY

- Students will have Technology/Cursive ONCE a trimester.
- All students will learn cursive during the year.
- Mrs. Cavanaugh teaches this to all students.



Homework

- One Math sheet per night. This can either be done on paper or online. It will directly follow the lesson that was taught that day.
- Test corrections. There will be times that we may send home tests to be corrected at home. This is considered homework and must be returned to school when completed.
- Close Reading Folders will be due every Friday.

- Students are expected to read for a reasonable period of time each night (the suggestion is 20 minutes, but whatever fits into your schedule is FINE!)
- Students are expected to practice spelling and/or math facts as often as possible at home.
- Tests and quizzes will have accompanying study guides, so that you can practice for them at home, ahead of time.

ABSENT WORK

We will have a student collect all make-up work for your child. You can either come pick it up at the end of the day, we can send it home with a sibling/friend, or your child can bring it home when s/he returns to school. Please complete and return it in a reasonable amount of time.

organization

- The students will each have an expandable folder. This will contain ALL of their school materials. Please help your child keep this clean and organized throughout the year.
- Every student will receive an Assignment Book. This is a very important home/school communication tool. Assignments will be written into the book every day, and we expect the book to be signed every night by a parent/guardian. Your child will also put his/her “color” into the assignment book each night so that you will know how his/her day was. Please check the assignment book every night, and feel free to include notes in there for us!

CLIP CHART

- We use a Clip Chart for behavior in both classrooms. We use this as a visual reminder to the kids of the Overlook Way Rules.
- The colors include: Blue (classroom leader), Green (ready to learn), yellow (make better choices), and red (parent contact/office referral). This color will be in your child's assignment book at the end of each day.
- Every day, each child will start on green. The goal is to also end on green each day. A blue color indicates going WAY above and beyond.

TESTING

- The dreaded 3rd Grade Guarantee (TGRG)!!!!!!
- The students will take the Ohio State ELA test 2 times this school year (once in the fall and once in the spring).
- They must be able to pass one of these tests in order to be promoted to 4th grade ELA.
- There are also alternative assessments available to any students who does not pass the State test.

- We will NOT “teach to the test,” per se. But it IS our responsibility to set the kids up to succeed. So, we will teach them strategies throughout the year to help them be successful.
- There will also be a Math State test given in the spring. While this test is also very important, there are no retention qualifications attached to this test.

HELP at HOME

Parents always ask: how can we help at home? Here are the best possible ways:

- READ! Read TO your child, read WITH your child, read ALONGSIDE your child. Let your child see YOU reading, and they will often want to mimic!
- Make spelling practice/math facts a GAME! It doesn't have to be boring!
- Reinforce MANNERS! We're going to focus on simple PLEASE & THANK YOU this year!

- Develop a homework routine. This will not only help YOU, but your child as well.
- Limit screen time! This makes a HUGE difference!
- Let your child BE BORED! Boredom is the BEST way to increase your child's thinking and problem-solving skills!
- Don't fight ALL of their battles. Encourage them to use their voices and speak up for themselves!
- Don't spend too much time working...they are still little and need to **PLAY!**

Need TO Know

Please visit our district webpage to find our classroom webpages. All of our frequently used sites can be found there, as well as book recommendations, links to Progress Book, and so on!

www.wadsworth.k12.oh.us

Go to “Schools”
Then “Overlook”
Then “Staff Pages”
Then choose either
“Mr Wolf” or “Mrs
Johnson”