

THIRD GRADE

2019-2020



MY FAMILY



LEARN ABOUT OUR CLASS

- **ABOUT MYSELF**
- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL –SEPT. 5**
- **I WILL START SENDING “HEADS UP” EACH WEEK. THIS IS A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER/HOMEWORK/UPCOMING TESTS**
- **NO SCHEDULED 2 HOUR DELAYS 😊**
- **OPEN HOUSE - OCT. 3, 6-8 PM (EARLY DISMISSAL)**
- **ARRIVAL TIME (8-8:30) IMPORTANT MORNING WORK MUST BE COMPLETED DURING THIS TIME.**
- **QUESTIONS? SHOUT IT OUT! 😊**

8:00-8:30	School starts, Morning work, Lunch count, Attendance
8:30-9:50	Math
9:50-10:30	Specials
10:30-11:00	Writing
11:00-11:30	Spelling/Vocab
11:30-12:00	Lunch
12:00-12:20	Reading Focus Skill
12:20-12:40	Grammar
12:40-1:15	Guided Reading/Daily 5
1:15-1:45	RECESS
1:45-2:00	Read Aloud
2:00-2:50	Science/Social Studies

CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

THIS IS WHAT A TYPICAL DAY IN OUR CLASSROOM LOOKS LIKE.

LIBRARY:

DAY 1 @ 10:30-11:00

COMPUTER:

DAY 2 @ 10:30-11:10

NUTS AND BOLTS

- **NOTES FROM HOME SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION IN THE MORNING.**
- **LUNCH COUNT IS DONE BY 8:30 WITH ATTENDANCE**
- **OLWEUS BULLYING PROGRAM**
- **THE AGENDA SERVES AS THE SCHOOL HANDBOOK INCLUDING ITEMS SUCH AS SCHOOL SAFETY, PICK-UP PROCEDURES, AND DRESS CODE.**
- **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR CLASS TAG**
- **SNACKS**
 - **THEY MAY BRING A SNACK DAILY AND WATER BOTTLE.**
 - **BIRTHDAY TREATS – NEW POLICY – MUST BE BOUGHT THROUGH THE CAFETERIA**

AGENDA

- **IS USED AS AN ORGANIZATIONAL TOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION**
 - **IT MUST BE SIGNED DAILY BY TEACHER AND PARENT**
 - **PLEASE MONITOR THE PAPERS IN YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER**
- **PLEASE SIGN FRONT AND BACK OF PAGE 3 IN THE AGENDA**

BUS NOTES

The office
requests a
written bus
note.

- **BUS NOTES MUST INCLUDE:**
 - **FIRST AND LAST NAME OF STUDENT**
 - **DATE**
 - **PARENT NAME**
 - **PARENT PHONE NUMBER**
 - **BUS NUMBER**
 - **ADDRESS**

READING

1st Prize	20 points
2nd Prize	30 points
3rd Prize	40 points
4th Prize	60 points

- **EVERY CLASS USES THE SAME READING CURRICULUM**
 - **DAILY 5**
 - **STORYTOWN (WEEKLY STORIES, ROBUST VOCABULARY, COMPREHENSION SKILLS, AND FOCUS SKILLS)**
 - **ACCELERATED READER**
 - **3RD GRADE EXPECTATION IS 10 AR POINTS PER QUARTER (THIS IS NOT GRADED)**
 - **BIS READING INCENTIVE PROGRAM – ANNOUNCED MONTHLY BY MRS. BORRONI**

WRITING

- **PERSONAL NARRATIVES, PERSUASIVE, AND INFORMATIONAL**
- **WE USE GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS AND TEACH THE WRITING PROCESS**
 - **PRE-WRITE**
 - **DRAFT**
 - **EDIT W/ TEACHER**
 - **REVISE**
 - **PUBLISH**

ENGLISH

- **PARTS OF A SENTENCE**
- **PARTS OF SPEECH**
- **CONVENTIONS (CAPITALS, PUNCTUATIONS, ETC.)**
- **QUIZZES WILL BE PART OF WEEKLY STORYTOWN TESTS. THIS MAY BE DIFFERENT IF YOU HAD A CHILD IN 3RD GRADE PREVIOUSLY.**
 - **EACH WEEK WE WILL FOCUS ON A GRAMMAR AND WRITING COMPONENT.**

SPELLING

- **WE WILL BE USING STORYTOWN SPELLING**
- **WORDS SHOULD BE STUDIED ON A DAILY BASIS.**
- **SPELLING TESTS WILL BE ON FRIDAYS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

MATH

- **WE ARE USING GO MATH!**
- **MATH HOMEWORK WILL CORRELATE WITH WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN CLASS THAT DAY.**
- **ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW MATH FACTS (ADDITION, SUBTRACTION, AND IN THE FUTURE MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION)**
- **WE WILL HAVE PRACTICE FOR FAST FACTS**

SOCIAL STUDIES

- **COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNMENT**
- **GEOGRAPHY / BASIC MAP SKILLS**
- **ECONOMICS**
- **HISTORY**
- **HISTORICAL FIGURES**
- **CURRENT EVENTS**
- **HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS**

Science

- **Structures of Life**
- **Measurement**
- **Earth and Space Science**
- **Additional mini-units: Life cycles (frogs/plants), weather, and sound**
- **Science and social studies are graded subjects. Grades are based off of active participation and completion during class activities.**
- **We are very excited to use our new Science books, *Science Fusion***

REPORT CARD

- **GRADING SCALE***

- **A 92-100**
- **A- 90- 91**
- **B+ 87-89**
- **B 83-86**
- **B- 80-82**
- **C+ 77-79**
- **C 73-76**
- **C- 70-72**
- **D+ 67-69**
- **D 63-66**
- **D- 60-62**
- **E 0-59**

- **Grades are posted on Skyward. You will be receiving information telling you how to log on.**

- **Report cards are available on Skyward every 9 weeks.**

- **Please be sure to fill in your emergency information on Skyward.**

MY GRADES!

A

90-
100

- I understand it!
- Neat & complete
- Ready to move on

B

80-
89

- Mostly Understand
- Mostly neat & complete
- Need to practice a few things

C

70-
79

Keep practicing

- I understand some
- Need to ask questions
- Still learning

Below

70

I need more practice!

- I don't understand YET
- I am still learning
- I need to ask for help when I don't understand

(D-E)

HOMework

- **READ 15-20 MINUTES**
- **SPELLING (2 SHEETS PER WEEK) DUE FRIDAY**
- **MATH – ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO DO INDEPENDENTLY!**

- **SOME HOMEWORK WILL BE GRADED**

GRADE LEVEL CURRICULUM & COORDINATION

- **GRADE LEVEL MEETINGS ARE HELD DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND ON IN-SERVICE DAYS TO ORGANIZE, DISCUSS, AND PLAN GRADE LEVEL CURRICULUM IN ALL SUBJECTS**
- **ALL STUDENTS IN THIRD GRADE ARE ASSESSED THREE TIMES PER YEAR IN THE AREAS READING USING THE FOUNTAS & PINNELL BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND MATH USING GO MATH BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS.**
- **PSSA'S ARE GIVEN IN APRIL TO ASSESS KNOWLEDGE IN LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH.**

TECHNOLOGY

- **SKYWARD – VIEW YOUR CHILD’S GRADES**
- **CLASS TAG**
- **CLASS WEBSITE**
- **THINK CENTRAL (STORYTOWN AND GO MATH!)**
 - **WWW.THINKCENTRAL.COM**

COMMUNICATION

- **MY EMAIL: CIENKOWSKIA@BSD.K12.PA.US**
- **MY PHONE: 724.843.5050**
- **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: NOVEMBER 26. SIGN-UPS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING OPEN HOUSE. I PLAN TO HAVE CONFERENCES LATE ON TUESDAY UNTIL 6 PM.**

**LET'S HAVE A
GREAT YEAR!**