



Class Syllabus

3rd Grade

2016 - 2017

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- i. **Teacher:** Suzanne Manning (Room 7)
- ii. **Conference Times:** see attached schedule
- iii. **Contact information:**
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II. SUBJECT/CLASS DESCRIPTION

- i. **Everyday Math** - HomeLinks will be sent home 3-4 times per week. These pages are designed to be done with the family, so please take time to see what your child is learning. Recorded grades will be taken from in-class Math assignments such as, Math Journal pages, supplemental worksheets, and Everyday Math “Unit Assessments”. In addition, we recommend students practice addition and subtraction daily. When we begin learning multiplication facts, your child will need to practice those daily, as well. Timed quizzes will be given throughout the year.
- ii. **Shurley Language** - Shurley lessons are taught during class time and there is no written homework, however, we strongly recommend that your child practices Shurley jingles and reviews practice sheets at home. A test is given at the end of each lesson rotation.
- iii. **Reading** - Students will be reading selections from our Harcourt reading textbooks. Our weekly stories will be read in class and at home. From these stories we will be working on vocabulary, comprehension, and reading strategies/skills. Tests over vocabulary and comprehension will be given on Fridays. We will also read 2-3 novels as a class. There will be weekly vocabulary and comprehension tests. Students will also participate in our Accelerated Reader Program. Class and individual goals are set each nine weeks based on reading levels/abilities. Rewards are given at the end of each 9 weeks for goals met.

- iv. **Handwriting** - We will continue to use the “Handwriting Without Tears” curriculum. We will begin learning cursive at the beginning of the year. Most students will be doing all work in cursive by Spring Break! Good handwriting is important. Note: Students will be asked to redo messy work during break or at home.
- v. **Spelling** - We will continue with the Scientific Spelling curriculum. Tests will be given each Friday.
- vi. **Science/Social Studies** - We will be using the Harcourt Science curriculum and the McGraw-Hill Social Studies curriculum. Chapter tests and occasional homework assignments may be given and will be indicated on the Homework Assignment Sheet. We will also be working on several hands-on/research projects throughout the year.
- vii. **Religion** - Religion classes will meet once per week for ½ hour under the supervision of Katherine Uhlhorn. Class activities and discussions are based on Judeo-Christian values and their application to everyday life. Mrs. Uhlhorn will be using readings and stories from the bible, the Episcopal prayer book and other resources. All students in 1st-6th grade will explore their relationship with God, their relationships with each other, and how to live as God wants us to live. Mrs. Uhlhorn will also be using other materials to incorporate character and manners into the lessons. These classes will work in tandem with Chapel and will be overseen by Mrs. Duffy and our rector, Father Scott Brown. Shared experiences, role-play activities, and stories will help to integrate the virtues and biblical values into the daily lives of our students.

III. ROUTINES

- i. **Responsibility**- Parents must be responsible for making sure homework and practice are taking place. However, at this level, students begin to manage their own time with parent supervision. Students should be responsible for doing homework on their own, with parents checking in to be sure it is done correctly and turned in. Students should be entering the classroom on their own and unpacking their homework, books, snacks, etc. They enjoy feeling more responsible. They are also able to socialize and get prepared for the day.
- ii. **Binders** - Binders will go home every day. The student is responsible for “filing” all graded papers under the appropriate subject. ALL papers will remain in the binder until the end of each 9 weeks, at which point we will clean them out as a class. Homework sheets will be placed in the front pocket of the binder. “Sign and Return” grades (below a 75) will also be placed in the front pocket. These papers must be signed by a parent and returned the following school day,

- iii. **Homework** - Homework will be given Monday-Thursday. It should take your child no more than 45 minutes, including AR reading and math facts practice.
- iv. **Class Work** - All class work should be completed during class time. If a student does not complete a class assignment, they will be required to do it during recess time.
- v. **All Class Work and Homework Paper Headings -**

	<i>Magic #</i>
<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Subject</i>	<i>St. Alban's</i>

IV. GRADING POLICIES

- i. **Grading Policy for Subjects** - In third grade students will receive number grades on reports cards for all core subjects. A minimum of 18 grades will be taken per 9-week period per subject. Science and Social Studies will have a minimum of 9 grades per 9-week period. Grades will be generated from daily work and tests as well as participation and group work. Note: Grades are only one method of measuring a student's progress. There are many ways in which we measure your child's progress.
- ii. **Grading Policy for Specials** - Students may earn an "S", "N", or "U" in special subjects. Special subject teachers will be using discipline referrals this year.

V. DISCIPLINE

- i. **Conduct Sheets/Discipline Charts** - Students will receive marks on discipline charts for any unacceptable behavior. Examples of unacceptable behavior are: talking out of turn, disrupting the class, disrespecting the teacher and/or other students, disobeying, or any other age appropriate misbehavior. Codes on the conduct sheet will be used. Work habit marks include: not turning in homework, not following directions, supplies and responsibility.

VI. OTHER

- i. **Party Sign-ups:** Parents are encouraged to sign up and help plan the classroom parties during the year. Sign-up sheets are provided and reminders will be sent.
- ii. **Snacks and Water Bottles:** Your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack daily. Please provide a plastic spoon, napkin, etc. if needed. **Water** bottles only are permitted to be on their desks all day, if desired, as long as they don't become a distraction. Please provide healthy drinks for snacks also.