



Class Syllabus 3rd Grade 2017 - 2018

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- i. **Teacher:** Suzanne Manning (Room 7)
- ii. **Conference Times:** see class 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.
- 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.

- 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.

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 70) 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. 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. **Conduct Policy for Classroom** - Students may earn an “S”, “N”, or “U” for

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conduct.

- iii. **Grading Policy for Special Subjects:** Students may earn “S”, “N”, or “U” in special subjects. Special subject teachers will be using discipline forms. If a discipline form is sent home it must be signed by a parent and returned the following day. Three discipline forms signed and returned during a nine week grading period will earn a “U” on their report card.

V. 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 are permitted to be kept on desks, as long as they don't become a distraction.