

Meet the Teacher

Parent Welcome Letter/Class Expectations

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to third grade! We are excited for the many great changes we are undergoing here at the Rock. Attached you will find some basic guidelines to get you and your student through the weeks ahead.

We've been working hard on our teacher websites this summer and will be using these as a classroom resource. You can access our email, view important documents (such as information about our Sea World Field trip!), and homework resources. To access teacher websites, please visit:

http://ses.sonoraisd.net/intermediate_school/teacher_websites/third_grade

We are glad to have your student with us and look forward to a successful year.

Third Grade Teachers

Schedules:

This year, 3rd grade will travel to four different teachers throughout the day. Each class will start the day with their homeroom teacher and then travel to specials. When students return from specials at 9:00, they will stay with their homeroom teacher for their first class on Monday's and Tuesday's and travel with their homeroom class at 10:10, 1:05 and 2:15. On Wednesday-Friday, students will start their first class with a different teacher each day.

Assignment Sheets and Discipline:

Assignment sheets and discipline grades will be sent home every Monday, and are to be returned signed by Friday. Parents will also have the option to sign up for text message and email alerts regarding student's homework. The sign up for Parent Edge is included in your packet.

3rd grade uses **Class Dojo** as our classroom management tool to track behavior and citizenship grades. Parents have the option to sign up for weekly reports emailed to them detailing their child's behavior throughout the week. Our grading period for behavior is Monday-Friday, and if a student scores below a 70 on their behavior for the week, they will not participate in Fun Friday (this includes Pep Rally's). Teachers will print and send home weekly behavior reports the following Monday. These are expected to be returned signed by a parent.

Lunch Detention:

Homework is expected to be returned on time. Failure to do so will result in lunch detention.

Progress Reports and Report Cards:

Report Cards will be sent home every six weeks in your student's Wednesday Folder. These are expected to be returned signed the following day. Progress reports will be sent home after the third week of every six weeks and are expected to be returned the following day signed by a Parent.

Procedures for the first day of school:

Students will go to auditorium located inside of Intermediate building. Directions will be given from there.

Dismissal time: Mon.-Thurs. 3:30, Friday 3:00

Pick up Location: Outside of Rock building (3rd Grade Line)

**please be on time for pickup-dismissal on Fridays is always 3pm unless otherwise noted.*

Class Expectations: Please read the following class expectations for third grade. You may sign the white copy and take the colored copy home for your records.

Math-Mrs. Barker

***Parents: I will be posting video lessons throughout the year on my teacher website. Please use these videos as needed for homework assistance or to review for any tests.

We're looking forward to an awesome year in Math! ☺

- ✓ Show strategies and proof on all problems
- ✓ Have homework completed in a timely manner, including any video lessons
 - ✓ Bring your pencils to class everyday
 - ✓ Attempt all problems and show your mistakes!

Reading- Mr. Hernandez

Welcome to 3rd grade Reading! It will be a year filled with learning and productive experiences! For this to take place I will have the following expectations for the students:

- ✓ Be in your assigned seat, with essential school supplies, ready to begin class.
- ✓ Take at least 3 AR tests per week (I will require each student to check out a picture and a chapter book from the library).
- ✓ Use the reading strategies taught in class when reading passages. The use of these strategies is critical for success.
 - ✓ Be on task and ready to participate and learn.
 - ✓ Turn in all assignments/homework on time.

Writing/ELA- Ms. Wallace

Let's get excited about writing! We will have a fun year focused on writing, grammar, and spelling. As a parent, you may expect the following concepts covered as we work through the writing process: grade-level TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) in grammar/mechanics of writing, narrative and expository writing, spelling work, and sight words.

As a teacher, I expect the following from your student:

- ✓ Be in your seat with a sharpened pencil when the bell rings.
- ✓ Be responsible for studying your spelling list at home (parents: see my website for links to online practice opportunity)
 - ✓ Be responsible for studying weekly sight words
 - ✓ Turn in the homework given, on time.

Science/Social Studies-Mrs. Gaskill

Welcome to Science/Social Studies! This year we will discover the world around us through learning about our community and through scientific investigation. We will be very hands-on in and out of the classroom. Many of our units will include a project or two, and some of these projects will need to be completed at home. Here are a few of my student expectations for my students:

- ✓ Enter my classroom with essential school supplies, and ready to learn
 - ✓ Follow all safety rules and procedures while in the lab
 - ✓ Hand in homework/projects on time

I acknowledge I have received a copy of Third Grade Expectations and understand these are the expectations my student is held to for the 2014-2015 school year.

X_____ Parent Signature