

September 19-30 Newsletter
Grade Three

EVENTS: September 21st - Early Out
September 27 – Picture Day (inside recess that day).
“All About Me” student is Jacob W.
September 19 – Scholastic Book order due.

CURRICULUM: Our classroom will begin cursive writing at the end of this week. We have been reviewing manuscript thus far.

For homework, you can expect a Spelling assignment every week, with a new word list. I give one long-term project every month, as homework. Math is done at school except for one assignment usually Tuesdays or Wednesdays. All students should be reading every night for 10-20 minutes. At the end of October they will begin a long-range chapter book assignment, entitled “READO,” to encourage outside of school reading. These assignments are usually reflected in their Planners.

Students are adapting well to their “Planners.” This is new for them and I’d like it to be a comfortable tool in addition to their take-home folders. They should be writing homework in it, or work they were assigned at school to do. Please sign it over the weekend and write any messages to me. I will initial it on Mondays. Planners are used in most all of the grades going forward, through high school.

In Math a few new concepts will begin after the September review. Some Geometry in addition to fractions will be covered. We continue to work on addition and subtraction facts for speed.

Every week a new story in our Basal Reader is covered. We have also begun our first writing for the year. I have each student keep a Journal and we write in it weekly, as well as a more formal writing they do about once a month. Students will become more comfortable with writing if they do it often.

In Religion we are going to study the Holy Spirit, and the Trinity. We have finished making our Prayer Booklets. Every day, I choose a prayer for the children to say with the class, and in this way, they memorize traditional prayers. We also practice non-traditional, more informal prayers and included in our text are some very nice prayer services.

We will begin spending approximately one hour a week in our computer lab now, and lessons on the Interactive White Board will be incorporated.

We have enjoyed the caterpillars and their changes. Our next project will involve a leaf collection. Usually third graders love projects, as it brings the outside world into our classroom.

Respectfully,
Mrs. R. Robey