

**Third Grade Handbook
Parent Orientation Night
2021-2022**

**Welcome to Third Grade with
Mrs. Lacy | Ms. Scott**

Included in this handbook are general in-person schedules and an overview of our curriculum.

SCHEDULE: 3A - Ms. Scott

Please note: this is the m-w schedule

8:00 | Morning Meeting

8:15 | Language Arts

9:15 | Snack

9:30 | Specials

10:15 | Lunch and Recess

11:00 | Media/Library

11:45 | Focus Group

12:30 | Social Studies

1:00 | Recess

1:15 | Math

2:15 | Science

2:45 | Pack up

3:05 | Dismissal

SCHEDULE: 3B- Mrs. Lacy

Please note: This is the m-w schedule

8:00 | Morning Meeting

8:15 | Math

9:15 | Snack

9:30 | Specials

10:15 | Lunch and Recess

11:00 | Media | Library

11:45 | Focus Group

12:30 | Science

1:00 | Recess

1:15 | Language Arts

2:15 | Social Studies

2:45 | Pack up | Class meeting

3:05 | Dismissal

READING: Reading with Ms. Scott

Our reading program is literacy based. We do not use basal readers to teach reading, but instead use a combination of quality literature and mentor texts to teach strategies that help children become better readers.

Daily 5 is a structure we use during our reading workshop time. Children learn to read to self, work on writing, read to someone, word work and listen to reading while the teacher is working with an individual child or small groups.

WRITING/GRAMMAR: Writing with Ms. Scott

Our writing block is based on the writer's workshop approach using Lucy Calkins writing curriculum. Children learn to work through the writing process of planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing. Through daily review, the children will practice grammar rules and applications.

PHONICS: Phonics with Ms. Scott

Phonics instruction will be taught using Project Read, a multisensory approach to phonics. Children will learn rules for language and will have many opportunities to practice these rules daily through oral and written work. We ask your support in helping your child become a lifelong speller-not just for a test, but for everyday life!

MATH: Math with Mrs. Lacy

Our district has adopted the Math in Focus curriculum. This is a rigorous program that helps children learn to think critically. You may find that math practice your child brings home is very different from what you are used to! Math skill practice will be coming home occasionally. Please note that this practice is review and is intended to be done independently, however, we realize that children often need extra support when mastering a new skill. If you help your child with math practice, please indicate on the math page or the items your child needed help with. This is also valuable information to help us better meet your child's academic needs.

SCIENCE/HISTORY: Science with Mrs. Lacy and Social Studies with Ms. Scott

Our district uses the Carolina Building Blocks of Science kits to teach the different units including Weather and Climate Patterns, Forces and Interactions, and Life in Ecosystems. We have also adapted the TCI social studies curriculum and will cover topics like Geography and Landforms, Government and Economics, and the People of the United States.

ASPEN VALLEY RANCH:

***This will be dependent on which phase our district is operating in.**

This year, our third graders have the unique opportunity to visit Aspen Valley Ranch on Fridays for an outdoor, environmental science experience. Please make sure your child is dressed properly as he/she will be outdoors the whole time. This will happen in the **fourth quarter**.

HOMEWORK:

We rarely require traditional paper/pencil homework. Instead we passionately encourage families to:

READ: aloud as a family, independently, books, magazines, etc.

WRITE: thank you notes, cards, letters, stories, poems, plays

PROBLEM SOLVE: play games, cook, build, measure, count forward and backward by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's and 10's, memories math facts, occasional skill practice

CREATE: play, draw, paint, dance, put on plays, sing, cook, build, dig

EXPLORE: play in your house, yard, town, state; visit museums, libraries, performances; research your interests

Occasionally, we will ask your child to complete the following: math skill practice, work not finished in class, corrections to an assignment or assessment, extra practice in an area of need or enrichment.

COMMUNICATION:

Communication between home and school is vital to your child's success. We will email bi-monthly newsletters to your email which you signed up for during registration. Communication between school and home will be through Remind, e-mail or paper fliers. If you are not able to receive email and would like all communication to be paper copies, please let your child's teacher know. Our connection with you as parents is a critical one and we welcome questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact us at any time through our district email.

Mrs. Lacy: alacy@wpsdk12.org Ms. Scott: gscott@wpsdk12.org

SNACKS:

We will have ONE daily snack. Please send your child something nutritious.

No juice, please! Water bottles are fine. Please make sure they have a cap that closes.

We are very excited to be your child's teachers this year and look forward to a year of learning and fun! We would like to thank you in advance for your flexibility, understanding and support as we navigate this school year. We will always keep what is best for children at the core of everything we do.

Mrs. Lacy and Ms. Scott