

Third Grade Handbook Parent Orientation Night 2022-2023

Welcome to Third Grade with Mrs. North | Miss Krause

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

SCHEDULE: 3A - Mrs. North

Please note: this is the m-w schedule 8:00 | Morning Circle

8:15 | Language Arts

9:15 | Social Studies

9:45 | Specials

10:30 | Lunch and Recess

11:15 | Media/Library/Career & Academic Readiness

12:00 | Focus Group

12:45 | Recess/Snack

1:00 | Math

2:30 | Closing Circle

2:50 | Pickup

3:05 | Dismissal

SCHEDULE: 3B- Miss Krause

Please note: This is the m-w schedule 8:00 | Morning Meeting

8:15 | Math

9:15 | Science

9:45 | Specials

10:30 | Lunch and Recess

11:15 | Media | Library/ Career Academic Readiness

12:00 | Focus Group

12:45 | Recess/Snack

1:00 | Language Arts

2:00 | Social Studies

2:30 | Class Meeting

2:50 | Pack up

3:05 | Dismissal

READING: Reading with Mrs. North

The district has adopted the Into Reading Curriculum. Our reading program is literacy based and is designed to build a love of reading, foundational skills, topic knowledge and vocabulary as well as reading comprehension. This curriculum promotes student choice and independent practice, effective writing and communication and supports all learners with assessment data and differentiated support. Into Reading helps students grow with social emotional learning and continuous connected learning.

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 Mrs. North

Our writing block is based on the Into Reading Curriculum's Writing Workshop. Through daily review and mini lessons, the children will have explicit modeling and instruction for each stage of the writing process. They will build routines and strong writing habits by writing daily and exercising their choice of topics. Students will also set and own their writing goals as well as confer regularly with their teacher and peers.

PHONICS: Phonics with Mrs. North

Phonics instruction will be taught using Into Reading, 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 Miss Krause

Our district has adopted the Eureka Math2 (squared). 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 reviewed 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 Miss Krause and Social Studies with Mrs. North

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 weekly newsletters to you using the website SMORE, there will be a link sent to your emails. 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. North: jnorth@wpsdk12.org Miss Krause: jkrause@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. North and Miss Krause

