

Dear Families,

Welcome to the third grade at Arno Elementary! We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to an exciting year with a great group of students. This information packet explains many of the expectations, goals, procedures, and activities that are part of third grade. Third grade is an exciting, challenging experience and an important step in your child's educational growth and development. We hope that this packet will be a useful tool for you this year. We look forward to working with you in an effort to aid in your child's academic and social-emotional growth. Thank you!

### **SCHEDULE**

Arrival 8:30

Specials 11:20-12:10 (see below)

Lunch 12:30-1:10

Dismissal 3:30

<b>Daily Specials</b>					
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Guyot</b>	Media Technology	Art	Media Literature	Music	Physical Education
<b>Kalis</b>	Media Literature	Music	Physical Education	Media Technology	Art
<b>Warneck</b>	Music	Physical Education	Media Technology	Art	Media Literature

-Media Literature: Students should return any books checked out from the Media Center so that these books may become available for other students to enjoy.

-Physical Education: Students are required to wear tennis shoes in order to participate safely.

### **ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL DOOR**

- Mrs. Guyot: Door 7 by the playground on Markese
- Mrs. Kalis: Door 7 by the playground on Markese
- Mrs. Warneck: Door 8 by the kindergarten doors on Markese

### **HOMEWORK**

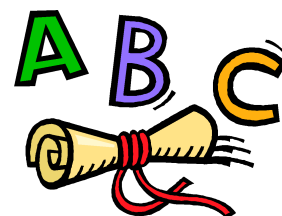
Thirty minutes of homework daily (on average) is considered to be typical for children in third grade. Unfinished class work, reading, assigned homework, studying for tests, and working on projects are included in this thirty-minute estimate. Children who use class time wisely will not have excessive homework. On days when

your child has little or no assigned homework, please encourage him or her to read, study, practice math facts, and use suggested web-based learning programs. Unfinished class work will be completed as homework, to be due the next day. (Please send a note or contact school if a family emergency occurs- We are flexible and will give reasonable consideration for emergencies.) We use planners every day to record reminders. Planners and Arno folders will come home daily. These both need to be returned to school each morning. Please look at your child's planner and Arno folder on a daily basis. Chromebooks will also come home daily. Please remind your child to return their fully charged chromebook to school each morning.

### **GRADING**

Third graders will receive a standards-based report card, which is similar in format to the second grade report card used last year.

- 1-Meets grade level expectations
- 2-Progressing toward grade level expectations
- 3-Struggling to meet grade level expectations
- 4-Working below grade level



### **COMMUNICATION**

Planners

-used to record reminders and PBIS behavior color

Blog

-a weekly third grade communication of school, grade level, and classroom events; important messages <http://skalis.edublogs.org/>

Email

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### **READING**

Our reading curriculum is called Journeys. This program consists of reading comprehension, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, grammar, writing, and spelling. Journeys is Common Core aligned. Students are encouraged to read 20-30 minutes daily. In addition, third grade will be piloting other programs as well.

### **SPELLING**

Our spelling curriculum is differentiated to promote student success. Students will be assigned words based upon a spelling assessment that will be given in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Students will be assigned spelling words every other Monday, and they will be tested on their assigned words on Friday of that same week. Spelling grades will be based on a combination of spelling assignments/tests and correct spelling in class work across the curriculum.

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

The children will learn about sentence structure, various parts of speech, and how to write a paragraph. In addition, the students will be writing in their journal.



## **MATH:**

The third grade math curriculum is Big Ideas Math. It consists of place value, addition, subtraction, geometry, geometric measurement, fractions, measurement and data, representing and interpreting data, multiplication, division, and problem solving. Class time will be given to complete all practice work; however, work will need to be completed at home if not finished at school.

Students will be using web based programs as well. Edmentum will help individualize your child's learning while addressing the math concepts stated above. Daily math fact practice sessions using ReflexMath are imperative for students to gain fact fluency. In each session, students are expected to earn their green light. Students will begin practicing addition and subtraction. These facts should be mastered by the end of the first trimester. In the second and third trimesters, students will work to master both multiplication and division facts. Students that have mastered all four operations, will be given the privilege to play Prodigy, an adaptive in-game learning platform.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Our social studies curriculum focuses on Michigan's geography, history, and government. Students will explore our Meet Michigan text and participate in curriculum enhancing on-site presentations through the Huron-Clinton Metroparks' Mobile Learning Centers.

## **SCIENCE**

We will be using a program called Mystery Science. The big ideas will be: life cycles, traits, heredity, habitats, change over time, forces and motion, magnetism, weather, climate, and the water cycle. In addition, third grade will also be piloting another program called OpenSciEd.

## **WATER BOTTLES AND SNACKS**

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. The bottles should be labeled with the student's name, close easily, and should contain only clear regular water.

Children may bring in a small healthy snack. It should be something that is easy to open and not too sticky or messy. Your teacher will notify you of any restricted food items due to allergy sensitivities.



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Students are not allowed to bring in edible birthday treats. However, if you and your child would like to send something in, you may have your child bring in a pencil for every classmate or a book for the classroom.

### **Online Programs**

The following programs will be used to enhance our learning experience. All links can be found in the Arno Third Grade Google Classroom.

1. Edmentum
2. RAZ Kids/Vocabulary A-Z
3. ReadWorks
4. Reflex Math
5. Prodigy

### **CLASS RULES:**

We will review the school and class rules during the first weeks of school and will practice acceptable behavior. All classrooms follow the PBIS behavior program adopted by Arno. The children have a clear understanding of proper school behavior. The PBIS program incorporates many rewards and consequences. Rewards include verbal praise, special privileges, and free time.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at 827-1050 or by email.

Sincerely,

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