



Welcome to Third Grade!

Mrs. Cooke Room 207

All About Mrs. Cooke:

- ☒ This is my 4th year teaching 3rd grade in Rocky River, and my 7th year as an educator
- ☒ I got married over the summer and my name changed from Miss Farrell to Mrs. Cooke 😊
- ☒ I graduated from Ashland University and am currently attending Baldwin Wallace for my Master's in Literacy
- ☒ I love learning and I am very excited to begin working with your child 😊

Course of study for 3rd grade:

Reading

We will use the Wonders reading program to read and write in the classroom daily. Students will be asked to read at home every night for at least 10-15 minutes.



Foundations

We will continue to use the same phonics program that your child has used throughout their K-2 years. More complex spelling patterns and exceptions will be introduced this year.

Cursive Handwriting

Your child will be learning upper and lower case cursive letters this year. We will be practicing this formation each week.

Math

Your child will participate in a math program that focuses on the new Common Core State Standards. The major focal points for third grade include; multiplication and division, area and perimeter, quadrangles, and fractions.

Science

We will use the Harcourt Science program to learn about earth, space, life, and physical sciences. We may conduct experiments in class for certain units.

Social Studies

We will use the Harcourt Social Studies program to assist us in learning about Map Skills, Local Government, Citizenship, Economics, and History.

Homework expectations for 3rd grade:



1) *The Planbook*- each child will receive a planbook where we will record homework assignments daily. Please review the planbook with your child each night and initial to indicate you are aware of your child's responsibilities. Thank you.

2) Your child will be required to complete math homework and 15-20 minutes of reading at home each night. They will receive a Foundations homework packet on Monday that is due Friday. Science, Social Studies, and Writing homework may appear periodically throughout the week. Please check your child's planbook every day for reference.

3) It is the student's responsibility to complete and turn in their homework assignments on time. If homework is not completed or turned in on time your child will be required to bring it in the next day. If the missing assignment is not turned in the next day your child will be required to stay in for recess to complete the assignment.

Ways to communicate with Mrs. Cooke:

- *Folders*- Every day your child will bring home a folder with important papers. One side of the folder will contain papers that can stay at home and the other side will be for things that need completed or signed and returned to school.
- *Planbooks*- I will check these books daily. If you have any quick questions/concerns please feel free to write me a quick note.
- *Email*- cooke.kelly@rrcs.org (The easiest and quickest way to reach me)
- *Conferences*: These will take place in November. If you need to review progress before or after that time, please email me for an appointment.

Grading:

- ✓ Your child will earn letter grades on his/her report card for the first time this year.
- ✓ *Progress Book*- You will have a password so that you can login to Progress Book throughout the year and check your child's academic progress.



Behavior Expectations:

- Every Friday your child will bring home a sheet that you will be asked to review and initial. This sheet will help you have a good understanding of how your child is relating to others and meeting expectations in the classroom each week.