

# Third Grade Shifts

Familiar	New
<p><u>Reading:</u> The students will participate in reading workshop that focuses on comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, and phonics. We will use a variety of texts in whole group, small group and individual settings.</p>	<p><u>The Daily 5:</u> The Daily 5 framework exposes children to the essential ways to approach reading and writing, while allowing for small group meetings with the teacher. Accuracy, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, phonics, writing, and spelling will be practiced each day to help develop students into competent and purposeful readers. The Daily 5 activities include reading to self, reading to someone, listening to reading, working on words, and working on writing,</p>
<p><u>Math:</u> In third grade, the students will continue to use the Everyday Math Program. Home Links will come home Monday through Thursday and are due the following day.</p>	<p><u>Math:</u> The students in room 208 will use a math workshop approach. Each day the students will be introduced to a math concept and will practice this concept in a variety of ways. Students will have the opportunity to meet with the teacher in small groups to help extend learning and reinforce challenging concepts. During this time, students will have the chance to work on math facts, math boxes, and thematic centers to review the third grade mathematical concepts.</p> <p><u>Multiplication Facts:</u> They must be memorized 0 - 10. These will be practiced at school but will need to be reinforced at home as well.</p>
<p><u>Foundations:</u> The students will continue to learn language and word pattern concepts using the FUNdations program. The concepts taught in third grade build upon the previous concepts learned in Kindergarten through second grade.</p>	<p><u>Cursive Handwriting:</u> Your child will be introduced to capital and lowercase cursive letters this year. We will practice this every week and the students are expected to write their name in cursive on assignments.</p> <p><u>Spelling:</u> FUNdations will serve as the primary spelling instruction. Students will NOT be expected to memorize a weekly spelling list but rather apply the phonics concepts taught in FUNdations to their everyday writing. At the end of each FUNdations unit the students will be assessed. It is essential that students complete the FUNdations packets that are sent home.</p>
<p><u>Science/Social Studies:</u> The students will develop an understanding of science and social studies concepts through investigation. Opportunities for hands-on project-based learning will occur as we explore third grade these concepts.</p>	<p><u>Study Island:</u> Your child will be asked to complete two lessons per week (one reading, one math) on a computer/internet-based program. This is to be done outside of school, however if a computer is not available to your child we can make arrangements here.</p>
<p><u>Lunch/Recess:</u> Please send a lunch, healthy snack, and appropriate clothes for outdoor play each day.</p>	<p><u>The Planbook:</u> Your child will be provided with a book in which we will record all assignments each day. Please review the planbook with your child each night and sign to indicate you are aware of your child's responsibilities.</p>
<p><u>Progress Book:</u> You will have a password to use to check on your child's academic progress throughout the school year. You may check online or contact me directly.</p>	<p><u>Letter Grades:</u> Your child will earn letter grades on his/her report card for the first time this year.</p>

