

Grade 3

Open
House
2023



Take Home Folder

This folder will contain the following:

- Items to be sent home
- Items to be returned to school
- Please be sure to check folder's daily

Homework

- Each child should read nightly for 30 minutes. To support your child:
 - Ask questions about what they read
- Math Practice Pages - please have your child pull out their pages from their homework book to turn in. (posted in newsletter for all math classes)

Flexible Grouping / Teamwork

- Students in third grade will have the opportunity to learn from all seven teachers plus additional support
- This allows us to better meet the needs of all students

Success in 3rd Grade

- Third grade focuses on reading to learn rather than learning to read.
- Time on task and becoming an independent learner are both crucial to success in third grade

Executive Functioning

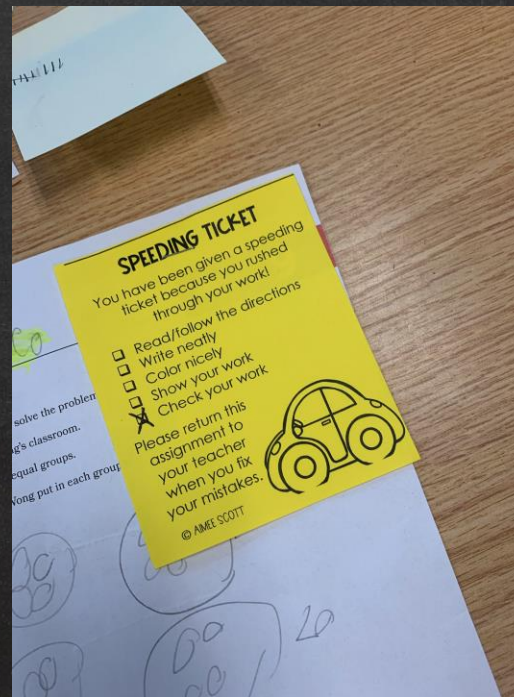
- Students should follow classroom routines
- Students will create their schedule daily
- Most activities will be completed independently
- Activity lists will need to be completed on time (usually every two weeks)

Focusing in Class

- Practicing independence
- No toys or game cards (Pokemon, Beyblade, stuffed animals) allowed in third grade
- No “free time” on devices
- Prioritize based on what you need on the rubric
- Activity list includes:
 - Learn activities
 - Practice activities
 - Show What You Know activities (graded)

Speeding Tickets

- A student may receive a speeding ticket that looks like this to remind them to slow down and complete quality work.



MyStudent

- We are using MyStudent as a communication tool this year instead of Class Dojo. If you have not received any messages, please make sure that your email address is correct in MyStudent. We are also providing a clipboard tonight so that you can write down your email address to let us know if you are not receiving messages.
- We can always be reached through our school email address.
- The district is working on the app to help improve its functioning. At the moment, attachments can only be downloaded on a computer not through the app.
- Students have the opportunity, to earn points that correspond to our school wide rules and can be awarded points from any staff member on campus.

Picture Choices

Here is an explanation of the choices parents can make in MyStudent about pictures.

- No Access**- no pictures in school publications or social media. Ex. No yearbook or FB, Twitter(X), Instagram, my Student Connect, or any other places where pictures can be placed.

- All Access**- All access to social media outlets and yearbook and school publications.

- Limited Access**- If this is selected students pictures can be in school publications like the yearbook and flyers but cannot be on any social media. Ex. FB, Twitter(X), Instagram, my Student Connect, Photo Photo circle, or any other places where pictures can be placed on a platform that is public. -**The district directions states: I do not give consent to my child's image and name to be in print, video, and other public media, which may be shared and used outside of the educational environment.**

Nicknames

- A new law has passed that states that teachers can only call students by their legal name unless the parent has given permission for them to use a nickname.
- If you would prefer to have your child addressed by their nickname instead of their legal name, please update the nickname section for your child in MyStudent.



Clubs

- On Fridays, students will have the opportunity to participate in STEAM Clubs. Each teacher will provide a fun and engaging activity that represents one of the components of STEAM.
- Students that follow the Stallion Rules (the 3 Bs) will participate in clubs. Students that need extra support with behavior will attend a social skills session with one of our third grade teachers.
- *Students that have incomplete work from the week will go to the social skills classroom to complete their work.

Grades

A-Excellent

This grade recognizes excellent achievement based upon your child's ability to apply critical thinking, problem solving or innovative thinking that goes above and beyond teacher's expectations for successful performance.

B- Above Expectation

Your child has demonstrated performance that is above expectations on concepts and skills addressed during this reporting period. Your child has successfully learned concepts and skills and is able to apply them in a variety of settings.

C-Adequate Progress

Your child has successfully learned concepts and skills emphasized or addressed during this reporting period and is continuing to perform at the expected level.

D- Below Expectation

Your child is still learning concepts and skills emphasized or addressed during this reporting period. Your child is progressing, but needs assistance to complete the tasks at the expected level.

U- Well Below Expectation

Your child has made little or no progress in learning concepts and skills emphasized or addressed during this reporting period. Extra assistance is needed to perform assigned tasks. Your child is working well below expectation.

Grading

- Math Exit Tickets will be scored based on the following guidelines. As a grade level we highly recommend that all students complete math homework for extra practice.

- Check plus – Practitioner level (Got it: completed independently and correctly)

- Check – Apprentice level (Almost Got It: made minor errors)

- Check minus – Novice level (Not Yet: still needs additional support) .

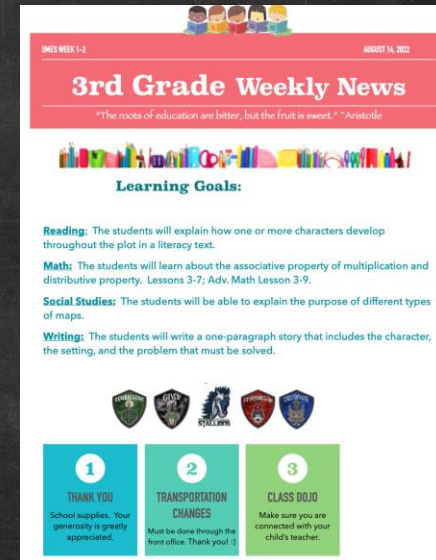
F.A.S.T.

- In grade 3, students must pass the reading portion of the new Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) taken during the third assessment window.
- Practice opportunities will be sent home closer to the testing dates
- Dates: TBA

Communication

• We send a weekly newsletter. This will be the main source of information for what is going on in third grade. This could include:

- Important dates
- Topics being taught in class
- Reminders about team / school events
- Math HW



- Per school policy, teachers will respond within 24 – 48 hours of communication.

For any additional information, please visit the school website. <http://smes.pasco.k12.fl.us>



We have a new way for parents to eat lunch with their child. It is called Café SMES. You will need to make a reservation.

Here are the Reservation Guidelines:

- 1. Lunch with your child is by RESERVATION ONLY! THERE WILL BE NO DROP-INS FOR LUNCH! Please call (813-794-1500) to see if your time and day is available for that month.**
- 2. Reservations will ONLY be taken for the current month.**
- 3. Lunch reservations are only accepted Tuesday-Friday.**
- 4. All parents must RSVP at least by 9am on the day of lunch.**
- 5. There will be 4 inside booths and 4 picnic tables outside available for parents to eat with ONLY THEIR children.**
- 6. There are no standing reservations (Ex. Booking every 2nd Friday of each month)**
- 7. Make it special: There will only be one reservation per month per parent.**
- 8. Our lunch time is 12:35 to 1:05.**

SPECIAL EVENT



Skip the wait at all Sanders Memorial Elementary School events when you get raptored into our system! All it takes is a stop to the front office with your photo ID. Once your raptored in and you RSVP for school events, your guest sticker will be pre-printed and waiting for you for the big event!

Something to Remember:

Trust our staff and teachers as they know what they are doing. They are doing what is best for students.

Thank You!

We are looking forward to a great year working together with you and your child(ren) to help them be successful in 3rd grade!

