

# 3rd Grade

## The Panther Times Newsletter

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### Meet Our Team

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow! It's week 2 for the month of September and we are all working very hard to reach our instructional and academic student goals in Third grade! We are positive and optimistic about our students and their potential to succeed with the combined support from you and your child's teacher. Thank you again for your support! Our team's motivational word for the week is: **Perseverance**

### Important Class Events:

- Extra reading hour is from 8:15-9:15 a.m. each day and consists of i-Ready Reading, Florida LAFS textbook lessons and teacher led fluency with a guided reading center.
- A.R. (Accelerated Reader) is here and students have already started their literacy journey through our school media center.
- Each class has selected a library time to return/checkout books (2) on their reading level and (1) book for fun. Please make sure you complete and return the forms (purple folder) with your student; also include any overdue library books. Please note: Students will not be allowed to check out more library books from the school Media Center, unless they return the overdue books or replace the missing number of books with a new book.
- Parents the Third Grade Promotion letter was sent home on Friday. Please read the details of the letter to ensure you understand what the requirements are for promotion to the next grade level.

### Subject Area News:

#### Science:

Our learning target is: Matter (students will develop skills to identify solids, liquids & gases and determine physical properties of objects, how to measure/compare temperatures of solids and liquids including the changes of matter beginning this week).

Science Vocabulary: matter, physical properties, solids, liquids, gases, temperature, volume, classify, texture, observation, data, hardness, evaporate, condense

**ELA:**

The learning target is asking and answering questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for answers; including asking questions about an informational text using explicit references to text details to support their answers. Students will also determine the main idea of a text, recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea and describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts using time, sequence, and cause/effect.

ELA Vocabulary: explicit, key details, main idea, historical events, cause, effect, sequence of events, recount, timeline

**ELA Homework:**

Please have your child read a story to you, and retell the events of the story from the beginning, middle, and end. Ask your child read the student copy passage to you. As your child reads the passage, time their reading for one minute. The purpose of this activity is to increase reading fluency and accuracy.

**Social Studies:**

The learning target is developing mapping skills and using thematic maps, tables, charts, graphs, and photos to analyze geographic information; and labeling the continents and oceans on a world map.

**Math:**

The learning target is understanding and solving multiplication/division. Students will explore picture models to make sense of groups, items and totals.

Math Vocabulary: multiply, array, set, row, column, factors, equal groups, product, division,dividend, divisor, quotient

**Math Homework:**

Please create multiplication flash cards and practice multiplication facts with your child each night. In addition, please go over and review the math activity sheets sent home. This will greatly assist your child with multiplication fluency and skill mastery.

**Health:**

The learning target lesson focuses on describing healthy behaviors that affect personal health and demonstrating listening skills to enhance health;recognizing that body parts/organs work together to form human body systems; promoting positive behaviors to others and using effective verbal/non-verbal communication skills to enhance health.

Health Vocabulary: safety, coping, strategies, healthy, behavior, communication, verbal, non-verbal

**Upcoming Events:**

- i-Ready diagnostic testing for ELA/Reading and i-Ready Math diagnostic tests are complete.
- Homework will be given weekly. Please remember to check your child's folder each day for homework and school related information. Student Data Books are coming!
- Continue working on multiplication facts with your child nightly and over the weekend.

Thank you again for your support and all you do to make 3<sup>rd</sup> grade a great year for your child!

Have a great week!

**The Third Grade Team**

