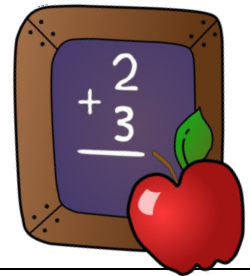


Welcome to Third Grade



August 20: First day of school

September 3: NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

October 5: Homecoming



Word Study: We will not begin word study this week. On Friday, we will hold a practice test using second grade words so that students learn the format of the tests. Words to be used are on page two of the newsletter. We will begin Word Study next week. **Remember**, this year spelling is not the only goal; students must also know the meaning of the words based on content the word is used in.

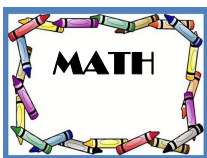
Reading: During reading time this week we will be doing some introductory activities and go over classroom expectations. We will also work on setting up our laptops and learning some standard procedures. We will get our login information for a variety of programs to be used, and learn the expectations for using the computers. We will also begin some general assessments.

Writing: We will do a variety of writing projects this week. We will write about a favorite summer activity. Tuesday we will work on 'all about me pages' for our writing scrapbooks. We will also have an introductory lesson to identify characteristics of a sentence, and we will work on writing a paragraph using supporting details. We will also use writing time to go over classroom/building expectations and do some introductory activities.

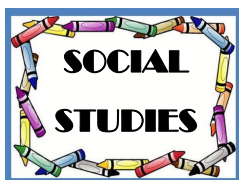
Cursive: We will begin handwriting on Thursday. The first unit in cursive is a review of manuscript. I will also be showing students how we assess cursive writing.



This week we will take an assessment test on Tuesday. The rest of the week we will review math facts, take a couple of timed tests on basic facts to establish a baseline, and do some review of second grade concepts.



We will use Social Studies time to work on introductory activities, practice routines for academic subjects, read Time for Kids and National Geographic, and complete beginning week projects as needed.



Important Dates

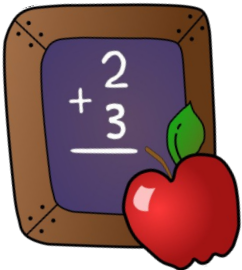
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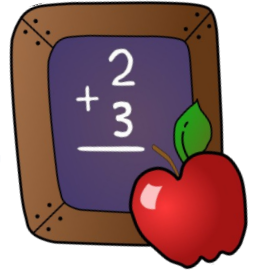
Spelling Words

away	around
because	been
before	think
about	water
little	many
down	fast
first	five
found	gave
number	green
work	sing

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Homework



Monday: Please remember to send dismissal form to school on Monday.

Tuesday: None

Wednesday: None

Thursday: None

Friday: None

NOTE: PE days are on Wednesday and Friday—All students will need to wear tennis shoes to schools on those days. There is not time to change shoes at school because we progress from one activity to the next so please have them wear tennis shoes on those days.

NOTE: Students can bring supplies for Spanish on Monday, which is the first day of Spanish.

NOTE: Science is on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Students should bring their supplies for Science on the first day of school.