

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MONROVIA
3RD GRADE CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

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Note: emails are checked at least twice daily. Please call the school office during the school day for emergencies.

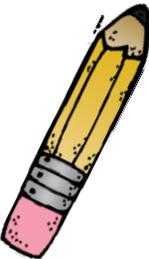
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Dear Parent(s),

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year! I look forward to another wonderful school year with new and returning students. The first couple of weeks will be spent learning routines and expectations of third grade as well as getting acquainted with old friends and meeting new ones. Third grade is a transition year developmentally for students. They move from a model of learning to read to reading to learn. This happens in all core subjects. Please allow some time for adjustments. Our daily schedule is quite rigorous so allow ample time for rest each evening.

You can expect a newsletter every trimester starting after the second full week of school. The purpose of the newsletter is to inform you of topics your child will be studying and of other important information. Students will be required to use an agenda daily. We have temporary agendas for the next two weeks of school. Our new 2018/2019 agendas are scheduled to arrive on September 3rd. All regular correspondence will be conducted via the agendas. I will sign students' agendas daily for the 1st trimester. Parents are encouraged to please do the same.

A Monday folder will go home at the beginning of each week with your child's corrected papers and other important notices. Simply remove and review the papers and have your child return the empty folder on Tuesday. In the past, I would send notices home on Fridays, but I've learned that I need the extra time over the weekend to review students work comprehensively and to communicate with other teachers that your child will see during the week to keep you better informed of their entire school week. Notices that need to be



sent home before Monday will be included with your child's agenda or I will send an email or call for more pressing matters.

Rules & Expectations are a part of our classroom. Students are expected to come to class every day prepared and ready to learn with a positive attitude. In addition to these expectations, there is a specified behavior plan in Lower school that all students must adhere to.

Please read the attached Behavior Plan document and review it with your child. Keep one copy at home and returned the signed one tomorrow.

The school uses an online tool called JupiterEd for all grading and correspondences. Please add checking the online grade book to your weekly routine. If your child is new to our school, I have included in this package your sign in directions. Returning families will continue with their passwords used last year. Extra credit assignments are a rarity in 3rd grade. It will be offered at my discretion. Students will be given an opportunity for re-teaching and re-testing on a test that they score a 65% on or lower. If a student is in class, late work will not be accepted. In the case of an absence, I will provide any missing instruction/assignments to the student. Please log into new grading system to review our grade scale.

Science, Writing and Social Studies will be taught in the homeroom. The science curriculum is extensive so we will begin instruction on the 1st day of school. Our social studies curriculum is limited but is enhanced with enrichment activities that include regions other than North America. The Language Arts and Math teachers will be determined after the MAP testing has been completed. A notice will come home informing you who your child's teacher will be in those content areas.

Homework will always be a review of material covered in class. Expectations for reading and math homework will be set after our FLEX groups have been determined. Once FLEX groups have been established, the teacher responsible for your child's reading and math instruction will communicate to you, their expectations. **Third graders are required to read 20-30 minutes each school night.** At least one book report/project will be assigned each trimester. The project will link to our Writing and Social Studies curriculum and will be summative in nature. If your child is spending an unreasonable amount of time on homework (over an hour) please set up a conference with me.



Parent Drop-Ins dates will be included in our first newsletter. I will use this time to improve the home-school connections. We will have a focus topic for each Parent Drop-Ins, in addition to addressing your child's individual needs. The topic for discussion for our first drop in will be agendas and homework expectations. This is a great time to learn more about third-grade expectations and ask any questions that you may have. I look forward to meeting and visiting with all of you.

I am in need of a classroom parent. This person should be available to help plan and attend special classroom events. If you are interested, please notify me via email.

When you have any questions or concerns during the year, please communicate them to me. I will always do my best to meet your child's needs. My #1 goal is that your child has a successful school year.

Again, welcome to the Year of the Wildebeest!

Mrs. Cheryl Flah-Kiahon
3rd Grade Homeroom Teacher

