

welcome
to

3rd GRADE



A PARENT HANDBOOK
2019-2020

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Zeigler Royaltan Elementary School



Welcome to **3rd grade** at **Zeigler Royalton Elementary School!** I am so happy to have your child in my class this year! This handbook is designed to give you most, if not all, of the information you will need throughout the school year. Thank you for taking the time to read this information and discuss it with your child.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this handbook, feel free to email me at jwalters@zr188.org or call me at the school at **(618) 596-2121**.

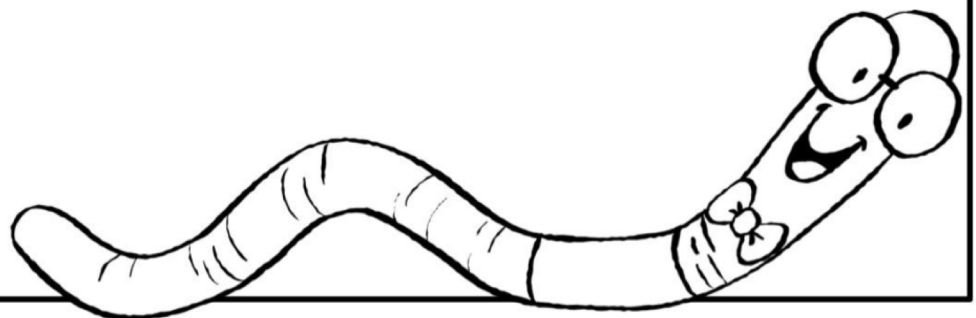
Arrival and Dismissal

The students will most likely be in the gym or outside first thing in the mornings when they arrive. Students will know exactly what to do when they get into their classroom around 8:15. When students come in, they are expected to put their belongings away on their hook and begin morning work. Their morning work will consist of a spelling activity. That will be our first subject of the day.

Dismissal: at the end of the day, students and I will fill out their homework agendas. These are to be taken home every night, and signed by you as the parent/guardian. This is so you are aware of the homework that has been assigned and what is due the next school day. Around 2:45, students will begin packing up for the day. We will clean all trash off the floor and put chairs up on desks. Students will be dismissed at 3:00. I will make sure that each student knows where they are to go after school.

Character Education Program

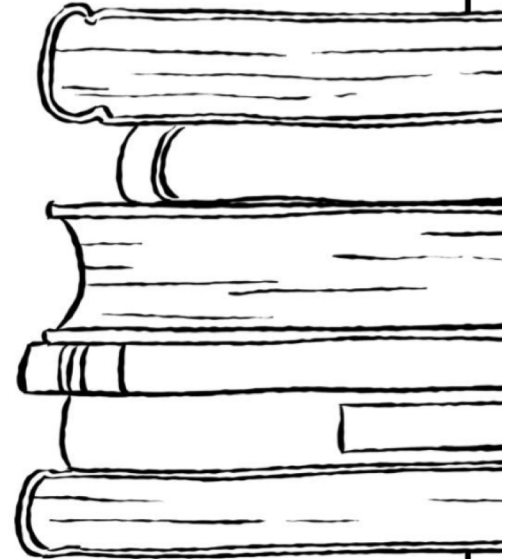
This year, our school will be implementing a new **PBIS** behavior system. I will learn more as the school year starts. So far, I know that each student will get 2 pride points per day. If they lose 3 points per week, they get a lunch detention. For every 3 lunch detentions, they spend the afternoon in Supervised Study. On select Fridays, students who have had good behavior will receive a reward.



Classroom Rules

We will have 7 basic rules in third grade this year.

1. Say please & thank you
2. Share
3. Keep your hands to yourself
4. Take turns
5. Raise your hand
6. Be kind to others
7. Listen



Discipline

Along with the new PBIS behavioral system this year, I will also have classroom dojo set up in my classroom. Parents/guardians, please get signed in to that as soon as possible with the sheet I sent home. Students are able to gain and lose points on dojo for various things that I will determine in my classroom. You will be able to see when & why students are gaining and losing points throughout the school day. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please send me a message directly on dojo.

I will have a yellow–ticket reward jar set up with classroom dojo. Every Monday, students will be able to put their tickets into a classroom jar. I have a scale set up in my classroom. It is based on how many points they have at the end of the previous week, which will be how many tickets they will put in the jar. This holds them accountable as a whole class, as well as individually. Also, I have connected classroom dojo and the new PBIS system. If students lose 10 points throughout the week for anything on classroom dojo, students will also lose 1 pride point. I will also be logging behavior on my online TeacherEase system for the school. I will record any unacceptable behavior on this log, and it will be emailed to the principal.

Take Home Folders and Planners – S. P. A . C. E. Folders

Every child will be given a blue Take Home Folder and a homework agenda as a form of communication between home and school. **This folder will be sent home each night and needs to be brought back to school every day.** I will include many things inside of these take home folders throughout the school year. You will see such things as: weekly newsletters, dojo sheets to sign, homework agendas to sign, etc. Please look at all of the information I send home. I will not send anything that is not important! Inside the folder there are two sheet protector sleeves. One side is for papers that return back to the school, and the other is for students to take home and keep at home. On Fridays, I will send home dojo sheets for you to sign. The student will return them the following Monday.

Homework

I do not believe in sending home a ton of homework, especially for third graders! I understand that they still rely a lot on parents/guardians at home to help them. Although I believe this, I also know that 3rd grade is an academically challenging year and there is a lot of new & important content to cover throughout the school year. Please do your best to be on top of what we are learning throughout the year so that we can work together to make your student successful!! Third grade is also a transitioning year and I want students to start becoming more independent.

Every day, the students and I will fill out the homework agenda together. This is to be taken home every night & signed by you. That is then to be brought back the next day by your child. Homework is to be returned the following school day and immediately put in the students' mailboxes in the morning. I am willing to answer any of the students' questions about homework that morning and I will allow students to finish it only in that case.

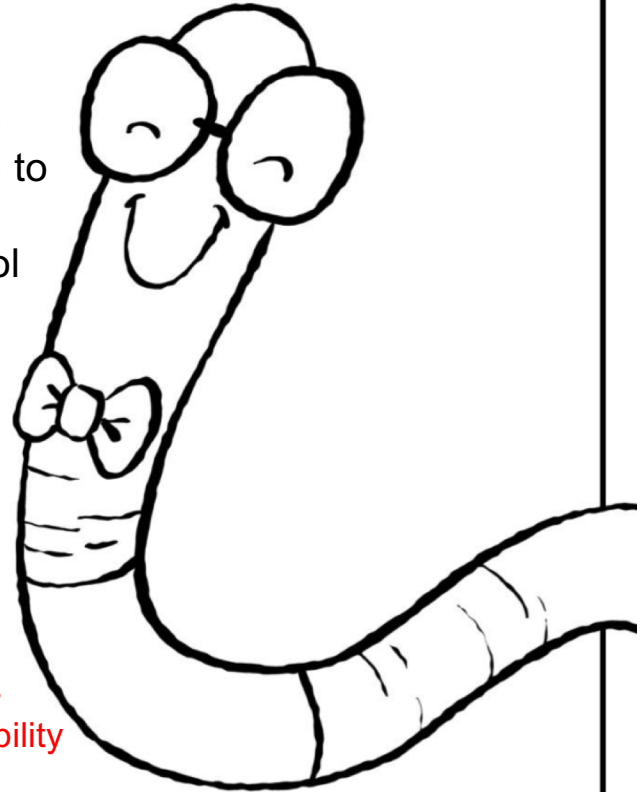
If your student does not have their homework completed, I will make them either come in at lunch recess to finish it, or the students will have 1 to 2 days to make up that missed homework. It is their responsibility to turn it into me.

If your student is going to be absent, please call the office & let them know as soon as possible!

Missed work:

If your child misses a school day, I will have pocket folders set up in my classroom so that they can pick up their missed work the day that they return to school. It will have each day of the week on it. As I teach that day, I will stick all papers/assignments they need in that corresponding day.

If you would like to pick up their missed school work that day, please send me a message on dojo and/or email and I will get it ready for you as soon as possible.



Conferences

I will let you know when there are upcoming parent-teacher conferences. You are, of course, able to contact me at any time with any questions and concerns that you have. We can work out a time to meet and discuss any matters.

Lunch/Snack Time

Third grade will have lunch from 11:10 to 12:00.

We will have try & snack break around 2:00 or 2:30 each day. Our schedule is very tight this year, but I will try my best to get that snack break in! I get hungry too, just like the kids 😊 Students may also bring bottles of water as long as it has a lid. Snacks will be provided by the students in our class this year.

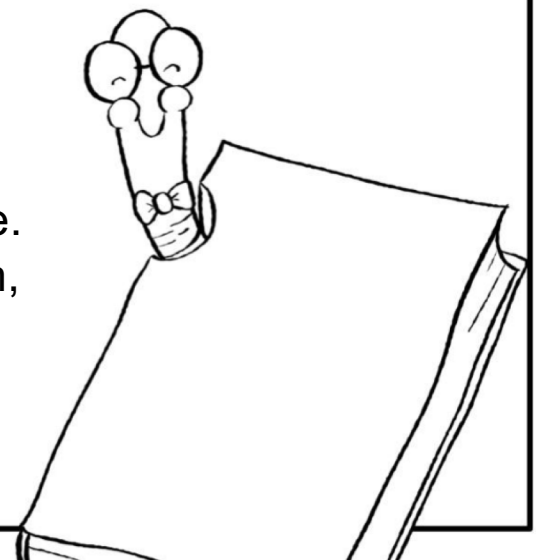
Specials

Students will have P.E. every day from 1:30-1:58. Please have your child either wear or bring appropriate shoes for P.E. They will have time to change into them before we go.

The students will also have Music on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-1:28. They will have Library on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will then alternate with the other third grade class on Fridays.

Bathroom Policy

Students will have a bathroom break before and after lunch. As long as students ask me, I will allow them to use the bathroom at anytime. If students do not behave well in the bathroom, they will lose dojo points.



Birthdays

In our classroom, you may bring treats for every student if it is your child's birthday. We will celebrate their birthday in some way regardless if you send treats or not. Again, we have 18 students in our class. If needed, I can send you a class list. If your child is having a birthday party and you would like to send invitations to school, please make sure **ALL** of their classmates are invited to the party. **DO NOT** send invitations for just a few students. Please contact me before you send treats to let me know your plans for their special day.

Astronaut of the Week

I will be pulling a name out of my jar for a new student of the week, every Friday. This student helps with various things in the classroom throughout the week and will get to be line leader, etc. The new student of the week will take home a sheet to fill out about themselves and they may also bring 2 pictures from home to hang up in our classroom! Please bring this information back on Monday, so that I can hang them up.

Grades

I will be taking grades, in each subject, 2-3 times a week. This will be a lot of grading for me, so please be courteous if something is not graded right away. If you ever have any questions or concerns about grades, please contact me.

Class Website

I have a class website set up at <https://mrwalters3rd.WebStarts.com>. Please take a look at this website and check it weekly. I have information about me on there, homework assignments, scholastic book order information, and upcoming events/announcements.



If you have any questions regarding the Common Core State Standards, please take a moment to read the standards here: www.corestandards.org/read-the-standards/

Again, I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year! If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for all of your help and support this year.

Please sign & return this back page so that I know that you have read and agree to this handbook. I want to make sure you know all of my classroom policies so that this school year goes smoothly 😊

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Child's signature: _____

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