

Welcome Back To School!

Mrs. Israel's 3rd Grade

Welcome to the beginning of a fabulous year in 3rd grade! I'm excited to get this school year started. I have many exciting and educational activities planned to supplement the curriculum and increase your student's enthusiasm for learning. My goal this school year is to not only teach them the curriculum and focus on standards, but to also teach them how to be good friends, manage their big feelings, communicate and to strengthen their relationship with Jesus with your help.

Before we jump into the school year, there is some important information that both you and your child should be aware of to ensure this year starts off great.

Classroom Expectations

I have a whole group project planned for the students to devise the classroom expectations. It will be posted in the classroom.

Behavior

Individual discipline: We will use a clip up chart. Depending on the student's behavior they can clip up or clip down. If the student clips to the top they can earn a prize. As the student clips down they will have to think about it, teacher's choice or contact parent.

Classroom discipline: I will give each row/group of students a point for staying on task, listening, being helpful to their classmates, participation and effort, etc. I will also write my name on the board. If students are not following the classroom rules and good choices are not being made, I will put a point next to my name. On Friday the group with the most points will get to pick a prize from the treasure box. However, if I have more points than any of the groups, no one gets a toy from the treasure box.

Homework

I will give homework each day (Mon.-Thurs.) in a homework folder and it will be due the following day. There is no homework over the weekends, unless it's an at-home project. Please fill out the reading chart and return the following day. This will help students to work towards their Accelerated Reader (AR) point goal.

Tests

There will be a spelling test every Friday. There will also be a pop quiz occasionally. Math tests will be given after we finish each math topic.

Accelerated Reader (AR) Requirements

The first trimester there needs to be 10 AR points completed by the end of trimester 1, November 1, 2019. After the first trimester I will be assigning each student their own individual AR goal.

Due dates:

1st Trimester- November 1, 2019

2nd Trimester- February 21, 2020

3rd Trimester- May 29, 2020

Communication

It is important to keep the communication open. If you have any questions or concerns you may email me at nichole.israel@sasmanteca.org and I will respond as soon as I can. If I have any formal announcements I will email you and follow up with a text message. Through out the year I will send a text message for minimum day reminders, mass days, sacrament reminders, projects, etc. I will also post reminders on the bulletin board outside the classroom.

Early Pick-Up

If you have to pick up your child early please inform me the morning of or call the office. This way I have plenty of time to gather any work for your child and make sure they are ready to meet you in the office.

Birthdays

Birthdays are very exciting for students. If you choose to send a small treat (cookie, cupcake, popsicle, goody bag, etc.) please let me know at least the morning in person or through an email. You may bring it in the morning or afternoon, but it will be distributed the last 20 minutes of the day. There are students in our class that have allergies. I'm requesting NO peanuts, please.

Parent Student Handbook

Please take the time to review St. Anthony's School Parent Student Handbook located on the school's website. There is a lot of useful information on the policies and procedures for the 2019-2020 school year.

Field Trip

Third grade's field trip will be a visit to The Gallo Center to watch Doktor Kaboom and The Wheel of Science on April 7, 2020 at 9:30 am.

If you choose to volunteer at the school or field trip you need to have the Virtus online training completed with a certificate and fingerprints. Both of these requirements need to be turned into the front office before volunteering.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be the week of October 7-11, 2019. If you would like to have a conference at any time, please feel to contact me and we can schedule a time.

First Communion

I am looking forward to teaching your child, with your help, about the Eucharist. Celebrating the sacrament of first communion is a beautiful sacrament and I am honored to be part of your child's journey. As the school year starts I will get more information on mandatory parent meetings, student's retreat, first communion mass, etc. Once I receive this information I will relay it to you ASAP.

Update: Please keep a look out for the blue pamphlet that will be sent home with your child the first day of school regarding all First Communion details and dates.

School Schedule

As many of you know Wednesdays are minimum days with the elective options from 12:30-3pm. Thursday we celebrate school mass. Below is the schedule for a full day, minimum day and mass day.

Grades 3-5 Full Day 8:00am-3:00pm		Grades 3-5 Minimum Day 8:00am-12:00pm		Grades 3-5 Mass Day 8:00am-3:00pm	
8:00am-9:45am	Classroom	8:00am-9:45am	Classroom	8:00am-8:40am	Classroom
9:45am-10:00am	Recess	9:45am-10:00am	Recess	8:45am-10:00am	Mass
10:00am-12:15pm	Classroom	10:00am-12:00pm	Classroom	10:05am-10:15am	Snack
12:15pm-12:35pm	Lunch			10:15am-10:30am	Recess
12:35pm-12:55pm	Recess			10:30am-12:15pm	Classroom
12:55pm-3:00pm	Classroom			12:15pm-12:35pm	Lunch
				12:35pm-12:55pm	Recess
				12:55pm-3:00pm	Classroom

I am looking forward to this upcoming school year and all the memories we are going to make in third grade. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

~ Mrs. Israel

