

## Third Grade Homework Policy 2018 -2019

Our grade level homework policy is standards based and focuses on reinforcing classroom instruction and improving our students' language arts and math skills. As a grade level, we have decided to implement the following homework guidelines:

- ✓ Spelling words will be available weekly. Students will have a spelling test on Friday where they have to write the word when it is called out to them. Students are encouraged to study and practice their words at home. There will be no assignments required to be returned to their teacher. **Spelling will be assessed in their writing primarily since that is our grade level standard.**
- ✓ Students will be responsible for writing two sentences each night about what they have read for their nightly reading. The sentences that will be required will be focusing on specific writing standards as well as their reading comprehension. Monday through Thursday homework should be written on the same notebook paper to allow both teachers and parents to monitor progress.
- ✓ Students should do their own writing homework with limited parental assistance. This will allow teachers to monitor student work and be able to adjust instruction accordingly. Other projects and studying for content area tests should be done by the students. Parents are encouraged to support their child by making sure the student's homework is done each day and returned daily. If the student does not return their homework each day, then there will be consequences that will be determined by each teacher. Parents may send a note or email to the teacher if there is ever a time when the student could not do their homework for any reason.
- ✓ Math homework is due the next morning as well. Supplemental math activities may come home if re-teaching certain skills are necessary.
- ✓ Homework is assigned to reinforce what students learn in class during the day. Reading for at least 15 minutes per night is probably the most important activity that students should be doing each night. By writing about what they have read, they will acquire skills on how to respond to their books and improve their writing skills as well. Supporting your child at home to have a quiet place to read and do their work is very important, as well as encouraging them to turn it in the next day. If you have any questions regarding homework, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.
- ✓ In addition, some teachers may have special projects throughout the year such as book reports, science reports, social studies projects, and other standards based activities.