



2018-2019 District Testing:

- The students will be assessed at various times throughout the year.
- MAP testing (2 tests: Reading, Math, 3 times a year), Third Grade Guarantee Assessment: AIR-Reading (Fall and Spring), AIR-Math (Spring)

Communication:

- I will send E-mails to keep you informed of what is going on in the classroom ~ **please provide me with your E-mail address!** ☺
- Feel free to send in a note with your child or E-Mail me with any questions/concerns: sarah.schuster@weschools.org
- Leave a message for me at the office.
- Please check-out our classroom website and the school's website for upcoming events and information.
- Remember to sign-up for the school's e-mail notification system.

Manners:

- We will work together to create a list of Classroom Rules for the year.
- We will use our school wide PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports) system to guide and exemplify our behavior expectations.
- Students will be rewarded for positive and appropriate behavior with Bulldog Bucks.
- Students will have a chance at receiving whole class rewards throughout the year with the Bulldog Bucks earned.

Math:

- We use the My Math program
- ConnectED (Student eBook and on-line resources)

- Homework will be assigned Monday - Friday
- Please work with your child on learning the vocabulary for each chapter ~ vocabulary cards will be kept in your child's homework folder.
- Xtramath (on-line program) is assigned throughout the week to help your child master his/her math facts. Please have your child use XtraMath 3-4 times a week at home.

Reading:

- Daily 5 & Café ~ used to structure the reading block so every student is independently engaged in meaningful literacy tasks.
- We will spend our first few weeks working intensely on building our reading and writing stamina, learning the behaviors of the Daily 5 and fostering our classroom community.
- The district has adopted McGraw-Hill Reading Wonders for our new English Language Arts program.
- Reading homework will be assigned weekly.

Writing:

- All written responses will be graded on answers, explanation or evidence, capitalization, punctuation, and organization (wording).
- We will focus on the following genres: opinion pieces, informative/explanatory, and narratives.
- Our new reading series integrates writing and reading and requires the students to use text evidence in their writing.

Compass:

- Your child will be required to work on Compass (On-line program) at least 20 minutes, 3 days a week. Please remind them to complete the activities throughout the week.
- More information will come home with your child after the MAP assessments.

Science:

- "Interactive Science" (Pearson)
- Students will have notes to study in their Science notebooks.

- Study guides will be sent home to help prepare for tests. Please utilize these with your child and help them review key words and important concepts.
- On-line component

Social Studies:

- Social Studies notebook and weekly newspaper
- Quizzes, Tests, and Projects
- Language Arts and Math Connection worksheets, along with Study guides will be sent home to help prepare for tests.

Grades:

- All subjects receive a letter grade on the report card:
90 - 100 A 80 - 89 B 70 - 79 C 60 - 69 D Below 60 F

Homework:

- Students will write down their assignments in their assignment book every afternoon.
- Please review your child's homework each night ~ you may sign your child's assignment book, but it is not required!
- Please DO NOT write notes to me in your child's assignment book (Notes to me should be sent in on a separate sheet of paper so that I will definitely see them!)
- Your child's Assignment Book and 2-pocket folder will go home every night - please remove the papers in the "keep at home" pocket.
- Please encourage your child to pack-up his/her book bag each evening to make sure that he/she is prepared for the next school day. 😊

Birthdays:

- Your child may bring in a treat for his/her birthday or 1/2 birthday - please keep the treats simple.
- Treats must not contain nuts of any kind.
- All treats must be store bought and individually wrapped. Treats will be sent home with the students at the end of the day.

Lunch:

- www.payforit.net - Online lunch and student fee payment system.

Snack:

- Your child may bring in a morning snack. Please keep them healthy and simple. Also, no juice boxes; only water bottles if they wish to have a drink with it.

Dismissal:

- Please make sure your child is aware of his/her afternoon transportation (bus #, walker, car rider, or latchkey). I will ask the students for this information on the first day of school.
- A note is required if your child's dismissal plan changes.

Absences:

- Please call the school's attendance line to report your child's absence.
- A brief note explaining the reason for your child's absence should be sent in with your child on the first day back after an absence.
- Students will be given the number of days missed to complete missed work.
- If you are going on vacation, there is a vacation form in the office to request work.

Website:

- Please be sure to check out our class website for pictures and important information!
 - <http://thirdgradeschuster.weebly.com/>