

3rd Grade
Handbook
2024-2025

On Our Way



Grade!

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Welcome to third Grade!



Dear Parents,

I would like to take a minute to tell you how excited I am about this school year. I feel honored and blessed to be your child's third grade teacher. Teaching is an absolute passion of mine. I am so excited to work with you and your child. It is going to be a year full of fun, learning, and adventures. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at school or email me anytime. You can also leave a message on my voicemail in my classroom, and I will return your call as soon as possible. My email address is thirdgrade@wocs.org

We are all human and make mistakes. I will be the first to tell you that on my best day I am a worthless sinner. The best thing God gives us is grace! **Please give yourself, your student, and your teacher grace too.** =) One saying in my classroom is, "if you can't make a mistake you can't make anything. Mistakes are proof you are trying." Please follow the verse (Mrs. Miller rule) Matthew 18:15. If you have a question or concern that involves our classroom come to me **FIRST**, please. It is never best to hear it from other people. It can turn into the worst game of the telephone.

In this handbook, I have laid out my classroom policies, procedures, grading, behavior expectations as well as important dates and events for you to remember. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I am committed to the importance of parent involvement in your child's education. **I firmly believe that your child receives the best education possible when you and I work as a team.** Enclosed you will find everything that pertains to

third grade. Please read over it carefully and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. I would be more than happy to go over your questions and concerns. Please return the last page signed by you and your child.

Again, I am so excited to work with you and your child. It is going to be a year full of fun, learning, and adventures. I cannot wait to see what God truly has in store for us this year. Let the adventure of moving mountains begin! God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!

Serving Christ Together,
Danyal Walters

Policies & Procedures

- **Discipline/Classroom Management:** Students will be taking part in our Classroom Economy. Please see the attached pages for more information. Students will have their own money bag for their money. We have a classroom store that they will be able to “shop” at once a week. Then after Christmas we will go once a month. Each student can earn money for behavior, participation, grades, and other things. If a student is not displaying Christ like behavior (good behavior), then I have the choice as the “banker” to take away money(consequence). Each student could earn their money back each day (grace). Each student will have a job in third grade. As they earn their money for “working” they will get to go shopping at the beginning of each month. Each student will have to pay rent at the beginning of the month. They will rent their desk, chair, and locker. They work so hard, and they deserve to be rewarded. As the year goes on, we might need items for store, and I will send a message with items we need for our class. If you can provide that is amazing and if not, then please don't it is not a big deal I promise.
- **GroupMe:** I will be using the mobile app “GroupMe” to communicate with each of you throughout the year. I will post pictures of what we're doing in class as well as send updates and reminders for you. Please make sure you are signed up to have access to your child's account, so you don't miss anything. This is also the platform we will use if we must move to virtual learning.
- **Facts-** Please make sure that you check your account periodically for your student's grades. This is our platform for grades, lesson plans, and

communication. If your student is absent this is where you will find the assignments for the day or week. I update these weekly. If you also would like to simply know what we are learning or doing each day you can view our lesson plans also.

- **Homework:** Each student will have homework for anything they don't finish in class. Occasionally, I will assign something extra to be finished at home for bonus. They will also need your help studying for tests and quizzes throughout the year.
- **Walters' Reading Program:** Each student will be *required* to read 250 pages per month. **Walters's Reading program will be for a grade.** Please make sure they are reading at home. The grades will be determined based on how many pages are read up to 250, and if they are turned in on time. For every day that this assignment is late there will be a ten-point deduction. Every 25 pages is worth 10 points. This will start on the first of each month and will be required to be turned in on the first of next month. Each student that reads the entire amount and turns in their sheet on time each month will receive the monthly reward. Students that complete it each month will receive a prize in May. (BONUS: The student who reads the most pages throughout the whole year will receive a big prize at the end of the year!) I will also give first and second place each month to the top readers.
- **Classroom Library:** I have a small, but growing library in my classroom. The students are welcome to check out two books at a time from it. I will take inventory of the books at the end of the year. If a book is not returned, you will be asked to replace it.
- **Communication:** Communication is very important to the school and me. I truly believe that to have a successful year each parent and teacher must have a great working relationship. I love how much each of you care about your child's learning, however, this year we were asked that all school-related communicants are on GroupMe. I have set "office hours," that way you know when I will be able to answer questions. Those are going to be Monday-Friday 8:30 am until 6:30 pm. If it is an emergency, please let me know, however all my parents are FANTASTIC, and chances are another parent might know the answer to general questions, please feel free to ask one of them. If you need a copy of a study guide, a memory verse, or spelling words, I bet someone has one, and will send you a copy. Your student has a folder labeled in their binder for spelling/bible. Every Monday they will receive their new list and memory verse. It is also in my Tuesday note each week.

- **Class Descriptions, Tests, and Quizzes:** All tests and quizzes will be announced in class ahead of time and will also be included in my note for the week.
 - **Spelling:** We will start a new list every Monday, they are **required** to write their words 5 times in cursive. However, if they write their words 10 times they will get bonus points on their test. Sentences are only to be written two times unless you want to write it more than that. I will send a paper list home every Monday. Each list has four pages in their workbook that we will go over on Monday, and it will be due on Friday, before we take the test. That means that if they do not get these pages done during school hours it will be homework on Thursday. I have included how I want their paper labeled for this required weekly assignment.
 - **Math:** There will be a math assignment daily. I will do my best to give them enough time to finish in class, but if they do not finish, it will be homework. They will be **required** to complete their flashcards on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. If they do not, it will be one point off their test grade for each day. There will be a test or quiz each week in math. Most tests will have an opportunity for a bonus. The bonus paper will be worth 10 points, and then for every problem that they miss it will be one point off. Example: If they miss five problems it will be worth 5 bonus points. If they miss 2 problems it will be worth 8 points, and if they miss 10 problems it will not be worth any. These will be due the day of the test with your signature and your students.
 - **Language:** Students will be completing daily language assignments where they will occasionally have homework. The curriculum does a review page the day before the test, which does not allow for an easy way to study. You should be able to look at the material that we have been going over that week to know what will be on the test. Please, please, please look through your child's papers to know what they need to work on.
 - **Reading:** Walters' Reading will be a part of the students' reading grade. Each 9 weeks there will be a book report. Students will read in class

every day on their own for 15 minutes after lunch. Our reading program provides review in phonics skills and comprehension tests/quizzes.

- **History:** Students will have a test for each chapter. It will be announced in class several days ahead of time. You will get a mid-chapter review sent home, and you will also get an end of the chapter to review a day before the test. The mid-review might have some information that the ending one does not. Please start studying as soon as you get the review papers, it will make everything easier. I don't normally have a history bonus, however we do most of the history pages together, so then it will be just studying for the tests.
 - * We will start Oklahoma history after Christmas break in January where the students will have a binder with assignments that will be due each week. They will have plenty of time to complete in class if not then it will become homework.

- **Science:** Students will have a test for each chapter. The chapter study guides and quizzes are randomly placed throughout the workbook, so be sure to check your child's papers each day for them. The last workbook page will always be the main review. Students will also complete hands-on projects throughout the year. I will send home more details when the time comes for each project.

- **Bible:** We will start a memory verse every Monday, they are **required** to write their memory verse 5 times in cursive. However, if they write it 10 times they will get bonus points on their test. I have included how I want their paper to be filled out before being turned in. I will always send a Bible study guide home the Tuesday after we start a new unit. This will have all the information that they will need to know for the test. You can start studying it as soon as you get it. Which would give you two weeks to study it. A verbal verse test will be the first week, but a written unit test will be the second week. We will learn a new memory verse every single week and test over it on Friday.

- **Redo's:** Students may redo assignments with a grade below 70%, however, they will only receive 50% credit for the corrected questions. Any redo's will

come home with the stack of graded papers in the Tuesday folder each week. Redo's are due the following Friday.

- **Field Trips:** We will take at least one field trip every nine weeks. I would like to be able to go to Alabaster Caverns in September, State Capital and the Oklahoma Historical Society in January, Tiger Safari March, Cba third grade field trip the end of April, and we are trying to find somewhere where they show the Oklahoma land run since we learn about Oklahoma history in third grade.

- **Class Parties:** You will have the opportunity to sign up to help with one or more class parties at the first Parent/Teacher Conference.
 - Christmas Party: Friday, December 20, 2024
 - God's Love Party: Friday, February 14, 2025
 - Resurrection Party: Thursday, April 17, 2025

- **Birthday Parties:** Each student will receive a special blessing in chapel on their birthday. I highly recommend you come and be a part of our chapel every day of the week but especially on the day we will honor your child's birthday. You have two options- we can celebrate in our classroom right after chapel or at the end of the day. You may bring or send a treat for the class if you would like. I will get in touch with you to arrange a day and time. If your child has a summer birthday, we will pick a day that works for everyone.

**Please note that all the above is subject to change at the teacher's discretion; however, if something changes, I will let you know in a note. Thank you for all your support. **

Classroom Economy

Students will be taking part in our Classroom Economy. Students will be assigned a job each week. Each student will have the opportunity to be assigned each job at some point throughout the year. They will also have be able to earn bonuses and shop in the class store. Students will have their own money bag for their money. They will be responsible for money. We have a classroom store that they will be able to "shop" at once a week. Then after Christmas we will go once a month. Each student can earn money for behavior, participation, grades, and other things. If a student is not displaying Christ like behavior (good behavior), then I have the choice as the "banker" to take away money(consequence). Each student could earn their money back each day (grace). Each student will have a job in third grade. As they earn their money for "working" they will get to go shopping at the beginning of each month. Each student will have to pay rent at the beginning of the month. They will rent their desk, chair, and locker.

Student Income:

- + Get a compliment from another teacher - \$10
- + Go above and beyond in showing kindness - \$15
- + Earn an A on a test - \$10
- + Earn an A on a quiz - \$5
- + Earn 100% on a test - \$15
- + Work completed - based on grade
- + Desk check and clean- \$10
- + Participation- \$1-\$20
- + Planner/math flash cards signed \$1 a day
- + Teacher may distribute money for anything the teachers deem reasonable.

Student Expenses/Fines

- + Desk rent- \$50
- + Chair rent- \$ 25
- + Locker rent- \$ 50
- + Dishonesty - \$20
- + Rudeness - \$5
- + Complaining - \$5
- + Messy desk or locker - \$5
- + Missing work - \$5
- + Off-task behavior - \$5
- + No name on paper - \$5
- + Teacher may also take away money if students are not doing what is asked of them or for anything else the teacher deem reasonable.

***Fines will be paid immediately upon violation. ***

School Store/ Grocery Store:

We will have a grocery store stop at Walters' Grocery twice a day. Your child has the option to participate in this or not.

Students can participate in the class store at the beginning of each month. Students can choose not to participate in store if they wish to save their remaining money. They can buy store items or classroom passes.

Classroom Passes:

- Bring a snack from home and eat it at anytime - \$25
- Play a center by yourself after completed assignment- \$25
- Bring gum from home and eat it in class - \$25
- 5 Problems off any assignment (not test or quiz) - \$25
- Choose your own partner for a day - \$25
- Choose who you sit by for the day - \$25
- Pet/hat pass - \$25
- Sit by your friends at lunch - \$25
- Teacher Provided POP pass - \$50
- Play a game with a friend after current assignment is finished - \$50
- 10 Problems off any assignment (not test or quiz) - \$50

How to do "redo" an assignment...

1. Number a blank page of notebook paper corresponding to problems missed on the assignment
2. Redo assignment putting correct answers on the correct numbers on the notebook paper
3. Label paper "redo" at the top
4. Staple to the original assignment
5. Turn in before the next Tuesday folder comes out

Name
Date
Subject

How to write your memory verse, spelling words, or Redo's

LIST # or John 3:16

Spelling words- Start numbering each line 1-20 and write your words 5 times.

Memory Verse - write the reference on the top line then write your verse five times, please skip lines in between writing them.

Redo's you will staple the original paper to your notebook paper, number your notebook paper with each problem you are redoing by rewriting the problem and answering it correctly.

Please sign and return only this page.

Mrs. Walters, we have gone over each section in your third-grade syllabus. If we have questions or concerns, we will communicate with you as a team to come up with the best solution possible. We are excited for the journey God has put us on. We look forward to an amazing year!

I am looking forward to the best year with you and your family!

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Signature: _____

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