

Dear Third Grade Families,

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter! Time is flying and I see growth every day in third grade. A lot of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter was spent reviewing previously learned skills. We are going to be working at a faster pace in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. A few things we are working on in room 501 is keeping our materials organized, handing in assignments on time, and writing down our homework daily in our planners. During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, I accepted late assignments, but unfortunately this will not be the case in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. All assignments must be turned in on time or else the student will receive half the points.

The third grade students are working towards earning 15 tally's for a field trip (hopefully before Christmas break). They have been earning tallies for quiet lines in the hallway, responsible behavior in the bathroom, and showing kindness towards each other. We are practicing being respectful, responsible, and kind every day, and students that go above and beyond will be nominated for our Positively Cassell raffle.

In Reading, we will continue with Foundations and our daily reading groups, focusing on specific skills in groups. One way to help your reader is to read a passage, then have your child read it. If this is done daily it will increase their fluency. In Math, we will continue to interpret and represent data using graphs, and next chapter we will be starting multiplication. Multiplication flashcards should be built into daily homework since it can only help your child become fluent with multiplication. In Science, we will be finishing our Life Science unit with learning about food chains and then moving into Earth Science. I am hoping to have more experiments built into our daily Science. In Social Science we will continue to learn about Earth's resources and dive into Unit 2, which is economics. In Writing we will continue to study grammar, make silly mad libs, and work on writing our first narrative of third grade.

This class teaches me something new each day, and I truly enjoy working with each and every one of them. If you have any questions about something, please reach out to me. Third grade is a big year with big changes and I know every one of my students can achieve academic growth and continue to build positive friendships. I look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter with high expectations and lots of excitement! Thank you for all you do for your child and their education.

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