

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: A Journey through Learning

Welcome to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! This year will be full of excitement for learning, many goals and challenges to be met, and a world of new experiences. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade learning curriculum stretches the student's minds to grasp more knowledge than ever!

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom learning curriculum consists of Handwriting, Math, Science, Spelling, English, Reading, and Social Studies. Spanish, library, use of the computer lab, and P.E. are also scheduled throughout the week. Our class will also take part in school-wide Mass on Friday's.

In a day's work your student will:

- perfect their cursive handwriting through A Reason For... Handwriting which is a scripture-based handwriting guide
- develop lightening fast math fact skills and increase their proficiency with new math skills through Saxon
- expand knowledge of science through inquiry and experiments with Harcourt
- practice phonics skills and further their spelling and vocabulary also through Saxon
- focus on strengthening writing and grammar skills through Shurley English
- pick apart the pieces of a story in reading with Houghton Mifflin
- discover the world's communities in social studies with Harcourt

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading comprehension program our school uses. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders participate in AR the entire school year. Your student will have a reading point goal and comprehension goal to meet each nine weeks. Students are rewarded when this goal is achieved.

You can expect your student to have homework most nights of the specifically in spelling and math. Other homework assignments and projects will be given throughout the year depending on the lesson. One particular project students look forward to is Flat Stanley. During this book study students mail their own Flat Stanley's to visit friends and relatives across the globe!

As your child's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher I look forward to learning with them and preparing them to be the best student they can be.