

WELCOME TO BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

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Finding a "Balance" in Grade 3

- Focus is on the student
- Greater responsibilities in intermediate grades
- More student decision making
- More independent work with an emphasis on problem solving
- Higher level thinking is fostered
- Homework
- Focus on organization
(color-coded folders)



Communication is the Key to Success!



Email: kkao@eastpennsd.org or emclaughlin@eastpennsd.org

Planner: Filled out daily / Teacher signed / Parent signed

W.C.U.S. folder - What's Coming Up Soon - sent every Thursday, to be returned on Friday - includes graded papers and classroom/school information

Mailboxes

ClassDojo: Positive reinforcers and communication tool (messaging, posting)

Websites:

www.eastpennsd.org/teacherpages/emclaughlin

www.eastpennsd.org/teacherpages/kkao

English Language Arts

- Developing reading strategies in order to promote more independent and fluent readers.
- Focus Skills/Comprehension Strategies
- Word Study (Words Their Way) - focus on spelling patterns
- Academic Vocabulary
- Grammar and Writing Workshop
- Literacy Centers (Daily 5) meeting independent levels
- W.I.N (What I Need) 1:45-2:25
 - During this time students will be engaged in learning activities related to reading and writing to meet their needs.
 - May leave the room



Daily 5

- A structured learning environment where students will spend their time increasing their level of reading proficiency. Students need to be actively engaged in reading and writing throughout the day.
 - Read to Self
 - Read to Someone
 - Listen to Reading
 - Word Work
 - Work on Writing

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Math

Math Common Core Standards Curriculum being taught will focus more on in-depth discovery learning, problem solving, and Webb's Depth of Knowledge. Online activities, books, and resources, as well as differentiated small group learning centers.

Focus on:

- Numbers and Operations
- Measurement and Data
- Multiplication Concepts and Facts
- Division Concepts and Facts
- Geometry
- Patterns (algebra)
- Money
- Fractions
- Time



Lots of
technology
and
interactive
materials!

Science and Social Studies



- 3rd Grade will not receive a letter grade on their report card in science and social studies; however, there will be quizzes, tests, and projects that will be assessed.
- STEM initiative - inquiry based learning activities and experiments - more project based vs. read and respond
- Science Units: Life science, earth's land, cycles in nature and space, and exploring energy and forces.
- Social Studies Units: US Constitution, Lehigh County, Communities, Native Americans, Geography, Colonies, Moving West, and Citizenship.



PSSA Preparation: Math and Reading



Dates: Weeks of April 9-13, 2018 for ELA *and* April 16-20, 2018 for Math

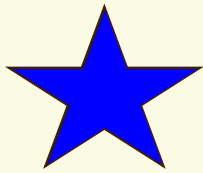
- All state standards will be taught prior to the PSSA tests
- Adjust our curriculum in order to teach all standards (math, reading)
- Practice includes test taking strategies so that students feel both comfortable and confident! (Study Island)
- Students cannot study for this test, but rather it is an accumulation of knowledge throughout their years.
- We encourage students to relax, focus on test taking strategies, and do their best! Our job is to encourage them to work hard all year...not stress them out! They will ALL be fine!
- Please do not schedule any trips or doctor's appointments during this week.

Technology

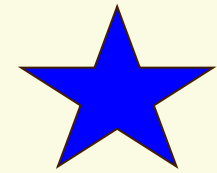
- Students will be exposed to a variety of new technology in 3rd grade:
 - Webquests
 - Powerpoint presentations
 - Glogster
 - Teacher and educational websites
 - Kahoot
 - Study Island
 - Website research (national geographic for kids, world book online for kids, etc.)
 - Padlet
 - Moodle (student blogs)
 - Google Classroom (docs, slides, etc)
 - Prodigy
 - Xtra Math
 - Front Row

Happy Birthday!

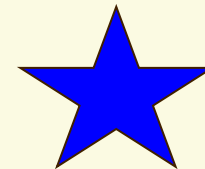
- Celebrate with non-edible treats as per district board policy 246
- Students will be on morning announcements
 - Bubbles, stickers, pencils, erasers, etc are welcome but do not feel obligated to send something in 😊



Extras



- **Mystery Readers:** see our SignUp Genius links on our webpages
- **Party Planners:** Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day
- **Volunteers:** field trips, in-class, and assistant from home
- **Snack**
- **Parent Conferences:** Sign-Up-Genius - we will send out emails and/or messages on ClassDojo
- **School Wide Positive Behavior - tokens/Principal's 100**



THANKS FOR COMING!

We are looking forward to a
great year in 3rd grade!
Mrs. Kao and Miss McLaughlin

