

Welcome

Please find your **child's desk** and **read** their note.

Please take a few minutes to **write** to your child on the back of their paper.





Third Grade Back to School Night

Welcome Parents &
Family Members!

Find Out First

- Online notification right to your email or other electronic device.
 - Centerville Connections (after week 2)
 - Team Newsletters (sent 1 time per month)
 - News of early dismissals (county FOF)
- Sign up **TONIGHT** for the County **and** CES Find Out First!
 - Training and support available in the Media Center



To things to know about Mrs. Smith

- Top 3 things professionally
 - My 15th year teaching and my 9th year at CES
 - I'm proud to have represented Centerville as a top 3 finalist for County Teacher of the Year
 - I am also the Master Teacher for FCPS 3rd grade new hires
- All about me top 5
 - 2 kids - aged 13 & 15 and 2 dogs
 - My son is working on his Eagle Scout and my daughter owns a horse and shows in English jumping
 - I'm a Star Wars and Harry Potter nerd
 - I LOVE National Parks and the outdoors
 - Yes, I am a Redskins Fan - although I'll gladly root for the Ravens
 - I grew up in Frederick County





Centerville Elementary provides this school-based FindOutFirst service to bring you free email messages based on the school-specific areas of interest you select. This is a great way to stay connected to your school, where family and community involvement support a first-class education.

Stop by our computer lab tonight to register or log on to www.fcps.org and click on the icon.

Make sure to sign up for GRADE LEVEL communications in addition to school wide messages.

Find Out First



Classroom Communication

Bloomz - one-to-one contact, class announcements, field trip reminders...

Text @SJG3WF to 1-858-BLOOMZ1 (1-858-256-6691)

Go to bloomz.net and enter SJG3WF

Download Bloomz app to your phone



Absences

Upon returning to school from an absence, missed class work and homework may be assigned and should be returned within 2-3 school days. Ask your star student' teacher if you have questions about the work.

No work will be given in advance of an absence. All missed work will be given when your star student returns



PBIS



- Class Whole class incentive
 - Earn as many as possible to meet classroom goal so students can be awarded by the teacher



- STARBUX= Individual incentive
 - Use tickets at the STAR PRIDE Market (or if your teacher has a class market)



Parent Involvement

- Welcomed at CES anytime
- Sign up to be a volunteer
- Help monitor your child's homework
- Read to and with your child daily
- Contact the teacher with questions or concerns first, use telephone number, email or the school website

Remember, “We can’t do it without you!”



Parent Involvement

- Parent volunteers are welcomed and appreciated
 - Classroom volunteers are used on an as-needed basis to work with students or help with lesson preparation in the planning room
 - School-wide volunteers
 - Bookroom
 - Lunchroom
 - Media
- New volunteers please check in at media center tonight for quick tour

Parents are valued as equal partners in the education
of their children!



Curriculum

- We will cover all the subjects and topics that are included in the state & FCPS curriculum for your child to learn during 3rd grade.
- Third grade objectives will be taught to all students with the understanding that different instructional strategies may be used to achieve that goal.
 - Example: Flexible groupings in reading and math

Curriculum information is outlined on

<http://www.fcps.org/academics/elementary-school-academics.cfm>



Differentiation and Flexible Groupings

- **Differentiation** – all students will start with the same goals in mind but teachers may use different instructional strategies to achieve those goals for some students.
- **Flexible Groupings** – may be used to accommodate the students' diverse levels within the classroom.



Language Arts Overview

- Standards driven instruction - not based on a program or worksheets
- Components of ELA
- Assessment data
 - Used to create skill groups and for differentiation



Language Arts - Reading

- Comprehension
- Strategies to better understand fiction and non-fiction text
- Guided Reading
 - Guided and independent reading
 - Fluency
 - Follow-up/extension activities
 - Group rotations
 - Assessment - formal and informal
 - Interventions & Enrichment



Language Arts - Writing

- **Word Study (20%)**
 - Phonics & Word structure
 - Vocabulary
- **Writing**
 - Personal Narratives
 - Informational Writing
 - Opinion Writing
 - Writing Fictional Stories



Social Studies

- Our Earth, Our Community, Communities Around the World
- Immigration & Government
- Economics, Production, and Global Trade
- Environmental Issues, National Holidays, and Heroes

** Some quarter report cards may have either a social studies or science grade or both.



Science

- Chemical Changes
- Aquatic Habitats
- Rocks & Minerals & Fossils
- Trips to Great Frederick Fair, ESSL & The Maryland Science Center to support curriculum



Math Overview

- Warm up- Number Talks, Problem Solving
- Guided Math groups based on pre-assessment data
- Productive struggle - it's okay for something to be hard
- The standards drive instruction - not Go Math
 - Won't use every page
- Post-assessment data
 - Used to determine next-steps



Math

Manipulative/investigative approach to achieve third grade math standards in:

- Skills and Concepts
 - Patterns/algebra
 - Geometry
 - Number relationships/Computation
 - Measurement
- Problem solving
 - Standards of Mathematical Processes



An emphasis on multiplication & division and fractions in 3rd grade.



Homework

- Homework will be sent home to be completed and returned the next day (unless otherwise noted)
- Students with forgotten or incomplete homework will complete a “Missing Homework” slip during RC time (and possibly complete the missing assignment).
- Encourage work to be completed neatly to help reinforce handwriting skills.
- Reading should be done nightly (and logged on Reading Rewards).
- Math Fact practice is always encouraged



Grading

- There will be at least one graded assignment per week in each of the curricular areas. In addition, class participation and teacher observations will also be used to determine the grade that appears on your child's report card.
- Grading Policy can be found in the brochure you are picking up this evening.



Reminders

- Leak-free “sip-top” water bottles are allowed
- Please no flip-flops
- Make sure to check RED folder nightly and Thursday folder weekly
- PE Days: Thursday and Friday (wear appropriate shoes)
- Media Day: Wednesday
- Please read the parent handbook

