

Dear Parents,

**WELCOME to the World of Third Grade!** This is the transition year from the primary to intermediate grades. It can be frustrating at times, but it's exciting to see what they can accomplish. The Lord has given me the opportunity to teach your child during this very important year. With the Lord's guidance and your help and support at home I will do my best to help your child grow spiritually, academically, socially and physically (Luke 2:52). Please note some of the important areas I will need your help with.

- When your child returns from an absence, please send a note stating the reason for the absence. I will have their make-up work available that day if you call the elementary office and request it. (Please try to do this before noon.) Otherwise, I will send the work home the next day.
- If your child must leave early, please send a note so that I will be able to have your child ready to leave.
- All homework assignments will be written on the board each day. The students must copy them down in an assignment notebook and have it signed by a parent each night.
- If you need to contact me, please send a note with your child, email me at [bhayden@wilmingtonchristian.com](mailto:bhayden@wilmingtonchristian.com) or call the school and leave a message on my voicemail (ext. 351). I will get back to you asap. Do not leave messages that will need to be taken care of during that school day on my voicemail.
- Please send a sweater or sweatshirt with your child. It sometimes gets cold in the classroom.
- Please remember we are unable to heat food for your child at lunch.
- Please write your child's name in permanent marker on the front outside cover of books that will be written in (all paperback books).

Thank you for your help with these things! We will have a great year together.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Hayden*

## NITTY GRITTY DETAILS

### Homework

Homework assignments are worth 5 points per assignment, per subject. When a student does not turn in an assignment, the student will receive a score of 0 for that assignment. Late homework is not accepted, unless it is due to an absence.

### Test Schedule

The weekly test schedule for this year is as follows:

Monday                      Bible verse test—Written word for word from the King James Bible

Wednesday                Spelling trial test

Friday                        Spelling/Vocabulary test

There will be math, Heritage Studies, science, health and English tests on various days. Grades will be taken from tests, projects, and activity sheets. Homework will be given daily, excluding Wednesday nights. If a student does not finish his/her class work during the day due to laziness, he/she will have to finish the work as homework, whether or not it happens to be a homework night.

### Grading

All subjects except for Handwriting and enrichment classes will be graded numerically. We grade on a point system, not percentages. At the top of your student's papers you will find a fraction. The numerator is the number of points your child got correct and the denominator is the total number of possible points. Info Direct (on line way of you receiving grades) is a great way of keeping track of how your child is doing between progress reports and report cards. Please keep in mind that when you get an email from me about their grades you will receive them in a percentage. Grading Scales can be found in the handbook.



## **Help Class**

Help classes are held all year long. Any student making a D or F will be required to attend help class.

## **Projects**

Reading—Book Report

Heritage Studies—Holiday Presentation Report

Science—Animal Report

Health—Food Pyramid Project (possible)

Math—Memorization of the addition, subtraction and multiplication facts

## **Lunch**

If you pack your child's lunch be sure to pack foods that your child enjoys eating and will eat. Make the foods fun, yummy and nutritious. Please go easy on the sweets, including sugary drinks. Too many sweets cause the mind to sleep.

## **Merit System**

Our merit system helps students know what areas of their lives need improvement. The student's assignment pad will be written on daily showing the "color" the student ended on. (By the way, not getting the assignment pad signed results in a card turn.) Please refer to the Merit System information in the handbook for detailed workings and to the grading scale section for how the conduct grade is given.

## **Parties**

### ***Birthdays***

You may choose to send a simple treat to have the class celebrate at lunch. Please, no big parties at school. If you want to send out birthday invitations at school you must send them for the whole class or all the girls or all of the boys.

### ***Class Parties***

Room mothers will arrange class and holiday parties. They will contact you as to what to bring. Our class parties include Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. The Valentine's Day party is one I will plan for my class. It will be a very simple, small party.



Just a note about the Christmas Party... We will not be doing a gift exchange amongst the students. This year we will pick a service project and bring in gift cards or items for a charitable organization. Last year we picked the Yahweh Center. I want the children to learn about the joy and satisfaction of giving.

### **Field Trips (Subject to Change)**

September/October - Moores Creek	Free (Packed Lunch Required)
November - Fort Fisher Battlefield	Free (Packed Lunch Required)
December - Pirates Voyage in Myrtle Beach	\$25.00 per person (approx.)
April/May - Dental Office	Free
May - Scooters Skating/Chuck E. Cheese	\$12.00 per person

