

**Up, Up Away in Third  
Grade!**

**Meet the  
Teacher  
Night**

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# Homework

- . Homework is generally given Monday-Thursday and sometimes on Friday.
- . Typical assignments include spelling/language arts, math, and reading for each night.
- . Students must also practice their math facts daily.
- . Please review your child's completed homework and encourage them to correct mistakes.

# ELA with SchoolWide™ Reading and Writing

- This year we will be teaching with School Wide reading and writing programs.
- We will be teaching with Mentor Texts and using the workshop method for both reading and writing.
- Students will be individually tested in the first few weeks of school, so that the teachers can best determine which reading level your child is currently at and which reading strategies will best help your child to learn and grow.
- This first quarter will be our **Launch Units** for Reading and Writing, so we will be spending much time teaching our students the many methods and procedures for the workshop model of learning. That being said, there will not be as many graded assignments as in past years for the first quarter.

# Spelling, Grammar, and *Cursive*

- This year we will be using the grammar/spelling program: Jolly Grammar. We generally take our spelling tests on Fridays.
- We will be learning and practicing our cursive skills throughout the school year.

# Our Math Program: Eureka Math

- We will be using the math program called **Eureka Math**, also called **EngageNY**, which is a standards-based curriculum. Students will learn mathematical skills in sequence and develop a deeper understanding of the hows and whys of mathematics.
- [Great Mind for Parents](#) is the link for parents which allows you access to all our math curriculum materials for free.

# Science

We will be implementing two Science series this year: STEMscope and Mystery Science.

- Adaptations
- Electric And Magnetic Forces
- Life Cycles
- Inheritance and Variations of Traits
- Processes and Impacts of Natural Hazards
- STEM Engineering Design Challenges

# Social Studies

- US and World Geography
- Communities
- US: Our Developing Country

**\*\*Please note:** Both subjects will be taught all four quarters; however, students will only receive grades in Quarters 2 and 4.

# Grading

- Third grade students will receive actual letter grades this year which can be an adjustment for students and parents alike.
- The grading scale for grades 3-5 is as follows:

A 93-100%

B 85-92%

C 75-84%

D 64-74%

F 63% and below

You will be able to access your child's grades on-line via PowerSchool.



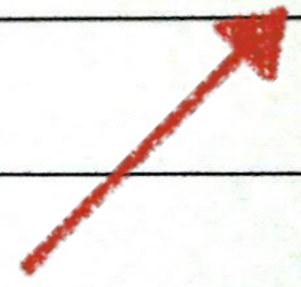
# Friday Folders

- All graded work goes home in the Friday folder.
- We also log number of papers enclosed, number of missing assignments, and infractions.
- Parents need to empty the folder, sign the log, and students need to return the folder every Monday.

Please take a few minutes with your child to review his/her work from the week. This means that you are aware of the progress that your child is making. The folder returned to school on Monday. Please keep all the papers at home, unless noted. "M" is a code for missing and "L" is a code for late.

# of late missing assignments	# of papers enclosed	# of tardies	# of infractions	Parent/Teacher Comments**	Parent/Guardian Signature
				No School 9/5 Labor Day	
				**Parent/Teacher Conferences 10/6 & 10/7 No student attendance	
				Early Dismissal for Students next Friday, 10/21 @11:45am	
				End of 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter; Report cards go home next week, 10/28. No late start Wed. 10/26	

Please sign here



\*\*If you need more room, please attach a note \*\*

# Make-Up Work

- Make-up work typically comes home when students return from an absence.
- We will not be able to send make-up work before a vacation.



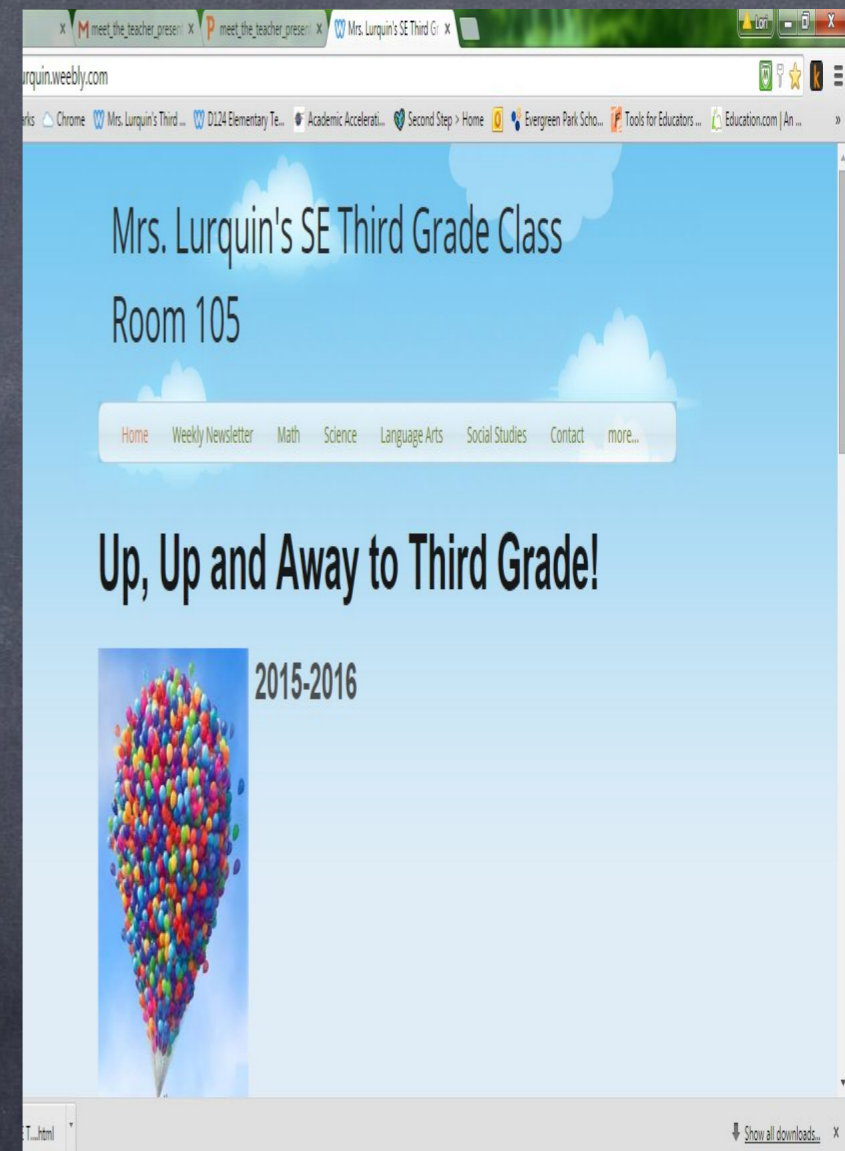


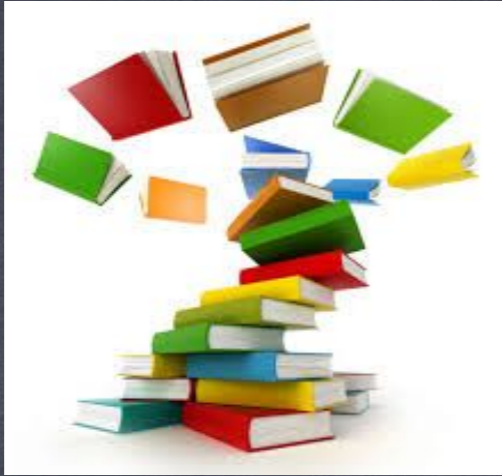
# Birthdays

- . Food treats are NOT permitted.
- . Students will receive a pencil/pen, certificate, and no homework passes.

# Communication

- Please feel free to email your child's teacher with any questions/concerns.
- Each of can also be reached via telephone, just call the school office. (708) 422-1021
- *You can find out a lot about what is happening in class via our classroom websites.*
- *We will also send a weekly newsletter via email to all families to keep you informed and updated to classroom and school happenings. Please let your child's teacher know if you'd rather receive a paper copy.*





# Accelerated Reader

- Students are encouraged to earn at least 50 A.R. points by the end of 3rd grade.
- Students will be making individual AR goals.
- It takes 100 A.R. points to reach "Wizard" status in third grade.

# Please Fill Out and Return...

- Please fill out the Parent Contact form and return it to school.

Thank you.

# Also....

- Please consider joining the SE Eagle Spirit Boosters. (SEES)
- The SE Boosters support many fun activities such as assemblies, Santa's Secret Shop, etc. and help fund the buses for field trips.
- We would love to have you as a Mystery Reader this year! Let us know if you are interested.





“School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside.”

-Lon Watters

Thank you visiting with us tonight, and we look forward to a school year filled with new experiences and wonder!

~The Third Grade Teachers