

3rd Grade 2020-2021
Provost Elementary
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<p><u>Attendance/Schedule</u></p> <p>Classroom doors open at 8:25 a.m. Students should be quietly working by 8:30 a.m. when attendance is taken. School ends at the following times: 3:10 p.m. Mon. – Thurs. 1:20 p.m. on Fri.</p> <p>Lunch is 12:00 – 12:40 rain or shine.</p>	<p><u>Discipline</u></p> <p>We have high expectations for our wonderful students at Provost. This promotes an excellent environment for learning and safety. Students who are unable to follow classroom/school rules will be disciplined with appropriate consequences. If I have any concern, I will contact you.</p>	<p><u>Weekly Email & Class Info</u></p> <p>I will send an email out at the beginning of each week. This brief email will include basic information as to what is happening in the classroom during the week.</p> <p><i>All of my communication will be via email. Please provide me with a working/valid email address that is checked regularly.</i></p>
<p><u>Math Facts</u></p> <p>All 3rd grade students should be able to add and subtract fluently within 1000, as well as multiply and divide fluently within 100. Students need to be practicing these facts <u>at least</u> 5 min. per day, 5x per week.</p> <p><i>It is CRUCIAL that all students memorize the basic</i></p> <p><i>addition/subtraction facts AND the basic multiplication/division facts.</i></p>	<p><u>Recess</u></p> <p>Students play outside unless a “red flag recess” is called. Children need to come with proper clothing for outside recesses. <i>If your child is recovering from being sick, please send a note, otherwise they will be playing outside.</i></p> <hr/> <p><u>Birthday Celebrations</u></p> <p>Students are welcome to bring treats on their birthdays. District policy requires <u>all treats/snacks be STORE-BOUGHT ITEMS.</u> No exceptions.</p>	<p><u>Specialty Classes/Rotations</u></p> <p>*Piano: Mon-Thurs. 9:00 - 9:30</p> <p>*PE/Dance: Tues/Thurs. 2:45-3:10</p> <p>*Library: Wed. 2:15-3:00</p> <p>Teachers reserve the right to keep students from specialty classes if they need extra help with academics or behavior.</p>

Homework

Homework will mainly consist of reading and practicing basic math facts (add, subtract, multiply, divide). A reading log with a writing response section and math facts log will be sent home on Monday and due back on Friday.

*Students will be asked to **read 100 minutes per week** as well as **respond to one reading question per week**.

*Students will be asked to **review basic math facts** at least **3x per week for 5 minutes each time**.

*Students will be asked to **review spelling & vocabulary words** several times during the week in preparation for a spelling/vocabulary test each Friday.

Friday Fun!

Students who complete ALL of the assigned homework will receive full credit and be able to participate in a "Friday Fun" activity. Students who do not complete the homework/turn it in on time will stay with a 3rd grade teacher and complete the missing work, etc.

Duet (or Dyad) Reading

You are invited to participate in Duet Reading this year. Take a book, magazine or news article on the target goal level (3rd Grade) and read it **ALOUD TOGETHER, AT THE SAME TIME** as your child, for 15 minutes daily. Practice reading together fluently and with a fun story voice. Your child should work hard to keep up with you. You should read as naturally as possible with both inflection and rate. It is fine to stop and talk about what you are reading. Research has shown that this practice is extremely beneficial for helping students make incredible gains as a reader in both fluency and comprehension.

*Idea: Your 3rd Grader could then read with younger siblings using their target level (K, 1, or 2 Grade). What a fun way to help everyone in the family improve as readers!