



*A Holy Ground of
Loving and Learning*

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Congratulations and Welcome to 3rd Grade!

We don't want you to lose any of the valuable skills you have learned to date. Therefore, I've planned an assignment for you during the summer to keep those skills sharp so you'll be ready once September starts!

Writing a Journal (due the first day of school)

You must write at least 10 journal entries. Five of the journal entries must be about a chapter book you are reading; explore all genres! Five of the journal entries must be about something you've done during vacation. It can be about a particularly grand day or an unusually dreadful day. Each entry must be a paragraph. Each paragraph must be at least 5 sentences. (Use a 4-square to help you!) Please use all grammar and punctuation rules you have learned in school. Basic grammar rules will be posted on the website this summer for your reference. Please use a dictionary to look up words that you do not know how to spell. All journal entries must be written in your neatest script or print, in pencil. You may use both the front and back of each page. Don't forget to write your name on the cover of your journal!

Sample Journal Entries

July 12, 2016

Today was a fun day! My family and I went to the beach. We swam and played in the sand all day. When it was time to go home my mom surprised us with tickets to a concert at the beach. It was a country music band, and I sang songs all night! I was so tired that I fell asleep on the drive home. What a great day my family and I had.

August 8, 2016

Charlotte's Web; Author: E. B. White

Many of the characters in this book are animals. The animals talk to each other so I know it is fiction! I'm enjoying reading about Wilbur, the pig. He is lonely living in a barn. He makes friends with a spider named Charlotte. I can't wait to find out what they will do together.

When you write about a book you've read, identify the name of the book and the author. Then write a brief description of the book or part of the book which you are reading. Feel free to also tell what you like or dislike about the book. Please date each entry so that we see that you are working on this throughout the summer vacation. Note: This does not mean 5 book reports! If you are reading a chapter book that takes a while to finish you can write about the same book more than once... you write about the part that you are on at that time. The journals will be graded for reading, writing, grammar and penmanship. The grades will be calculated into your average for the first quarter of 3rd grade.

Math Skill Practice Mrs. Barber's web site has a variety of math links to give you some fun math skills practice. Take just 15 minutes a day to keep those skills sharp. Sr. Kathleen requires that all students use of the Math Summer Solutions to keep their skills sharp. If you haven't purchased your math summer solutions book yet, please order it online at www.summersolutions.net. Complete it during the summer and be sure to hand it in on the first day of school.

Please check out the school uniform guidelines below to make sure you have what you need for next year. Also, please check the attached supply list. Please note that pencil pouches or boxes are NOT needed.

SCHOOL UNIFORM 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

BOYS IN K- 8

White dress shirt (oxford for Grades K-8) and plaid school tie
Green V-neck sweater vest or pullover V-neck sweater with school name
Green dress slacks (purchased at Li'l Darlings)
Black/Brown belt and dark socks
Black or Brown supportive shoe with Shoe laces, strap, or Velcro (no slip on shoes)

GIRLS IN 5 – 8

Green Plaid uniform skirt and white oxford blouse
Green V-neck sweater vest or pullover V-neck sweater with school name
Green or Black knee socks/tights
Black or Brown supportive shoes with shoe laces, Velcro, or strap (no slip on shoes)

SUMMER UNIFORM K-8

Green shorts (no more than an inch above the knee) with belt
White polo shirt with school logo
White crew socks that reach the ankle
Black or Brown supportive shoes with shoe laces, Velcro or strap (no slip on shoes)

PLEASE NOTE: Uniform SNEAKERS for Gym – WHITE or BLACK **only** with NO color

THIRD GRADE SUPPLY LIST: Please bring in on the first day of school!

Folders: 1 each – red, yellow and green
Shared supplies: (To be collected and kept in baskets in the room. Pencil pouches are NOT needed)
1 box of Ticonderoga (only) Pencils sharpened
1 red pen
1 package of pencil top erasers
1 box, 24 count crayons
1 package pink erasers
1 glue stick

September: 2 box of tissues
January: 2 box of tissues
1 roll of paper towels
1 box of wipes
Headphones (buds are fine) in zip lock bag with name
Book Covers: Please cover all workbooks with clear contact paper

Paper and Notebooks:

Notebooks and control lined paper are purchased through the school. Please send in \$25.00 fee to cover the cost of 6 notebooks, 2 math notebooks, writing tablet, a homework assignment planner, and Art supplies for Art class. Please send in cash or check payable to St. Denis-St. Columba School. There will be an additional fee required only if notebooks are lost, damaged or filled up during the school year.

I look forward to a wonderful year together. God bless you and keep you healthy and cool during summer vacation!

Third Grade Teacher