



*A Holy Ground of
Loving and Learning*

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Summer 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming **THIRD GRADE STUDENTS**,

Welcome to Third grade! This letter includes information about your child's summer assignments, the 2023-2024 school uniform requirements, and school supply lists. I look forward to the upcoming year! Be sure to read and pray every day!

God bless you,
Mrs. Barber

IXL Summer Boost for Math and ELA

Each student will have an **ELA and Math Summer Boost** assignment posted in their **IXL account**. This will help solidify student understanding of key concepts and make sure they are ready to start the next grade ready to learn more! Each Summer Boost assignment is composed of 20 skill lessons; these cover topics that the students should be familiar with in their present grade level. The program is adaptive; if the student gets a question wrong there is instruction to let the student know what the correct answer was and why. As students answer the questions their SMART Score grows. Students should work for a SMART Score of 90-100 on each assignment. Students can choose to do the assignments on any days they wish. ***Students are also expected to work on their personal "Step into the Arena" skills.*** All IXL assignments need to be completed by August 15th. This will allow for the system to be set up for next year and give the students a break to end the summer.

Reading and Writing Assignment

Students are asked to choose **one** of the books listed below and complete the attached book report form. This form will be collected on the first day of school. Some **suggested** books include:

- ***Junie B. Jones Series*** by Barbara Park
- ***A to Z Mysteries*** by Rob Roy
- ***Magic Tree House Series***
- ***My Father's Dragon*** by Ruth Styles Gannett
- ***The Littles*** by John Peterson
- ***Nate the Great*** by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue*** by Kate DiCamillo
- ***Ivy & Bean*** by Annie Barrows & Sophie Blackall
- ***Cam Jansen Series*** by David Adler
- ***Super Narwhal & Jelly Jolt*** by Ben Clanton
- ***Flat Stanley*** by Jeff Brown
- ***Horrible Harry Series*** by Suzy Klein
- ***Mr Popper's Penguins*** by Richard Atwater
- ***Henry & Mudge – The First Book of Their Adventure***
by Cynthia Rylant

Optional Extra Math Skills Practice: We will be learning multiplication facts in third grade. It is imperative that addition and subtraction facts are in tip top shape at the beginning of third grade. Take just 10 minutes a day to keep those skills sharp. Below are a few online resources for you to practice those skills.

https://www.softschools.com/math/games/mad_minute_math/
<https://www.softschools.com/math/games/>
<https://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards>

GRADE 3 SUPPLY LIST:

- Folders: 1 each – red, yellow and green
- 1 box of Ticonderoga (**only**) Pencils sharpened
- 1 package Expo (not fine point) dry erase markers, any color
- 1 - 8 x 5 plastic pencil box
- highlighter
- 1 dry erase marker
- 1 red pen
- large eraser
- 1 box, 24 count crayons- Crayola preferred
- six inch ruler
- 1 package cap erasers
- 3 pack 3" x 5" lined index cards
- glue stick
- 2 boxes of tissues in September
- 2 boxes of tissues in January
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 package of hand wipes
- Headphones or earbuds for Chromebook use in Ziplock bag with name *(to stay in school)*
- 4 - Controlled line Notebooks *(purchased in school)*
- 1 - Theme tablets *(purchased in school)*
- 1 – Math notebook *(purchased in school)*
- School homework planner *(purchased in school)*

School Fee: \$40.00 *(covers cost of notebooks, theme tablets, school homework planner, Social Studies weekly subscription, etc. Please send in cash or check made out to St. Denis-St. Columba School)*

Art Supplies

- 1 box of Crayola markers
- *Wishlist: old cell phone boxes, ink pads

School uniform 2023-2024 School Year

Please review the following **School Uniform Policy for the 2023-2024 School Year** with your child.

Boys K-8

- White dress shirt (oxford) and plaid school tie
- Green V-neck sweater vest or pullover V- neck sweater with school name
- Green dress slacks (purchased at Lil' Darling Shoppe)
- Black/Brown belt and dark socks
- Black or Brown **supportive shoes** with shoelaces, strap, or velcro *(no slip-on shoes or boat shoes) (No Sperry's)*
- Boys haircut should be simple, neat, above the collar, and off the face *(no faddish haircuts, dyed or highlighted hair)*

Girls K-4

- Green plaid jumper and white Peter Pan collar blouse
- Green cardigan with school name
- Green or black knee socks/tights
- Black or Brown **supportive shoes** with shoelaces, strap, or velcro *(no slip-on shoes or boat shoes) (No Sperry's)*
- **No dyed or highlighted hair**

Summer Uniform K-8

- Green shorts (no more than an inch above the knee) with belt
- Girls have skort option to be purchased at Lil' Darling Shoppe
- White polo shirt with school logo
- White crew socks that reach the ankle
- Shoes as stated above

PLEASE NOTE: Uniform SNEAKERS for Gym- only WHITE or BLACK- with no color

Have a Great Summer! God Bless!

Name: _____

Date: _____

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Grade 3

Third Grade Book Report Form



Title: _____

Author: _____

Plot: How does the story start? What happens in the middle? How does it end?

Characters: Who is in the story? Describe what they are like (personality and appearance).

Setting: Where is the story taking place?

Your Opinion: What was your favorite part and why? Would you recommend this book to anyone?
