

Stevenson's 3rd Grade

August 12-16



This is our first full week back in school. Much of this week will be filled with beginning of the year placement tests and unit pretests.

Reading

This week students will be focusing on learning the routine of our reading stations, working in small groups, with me, and individually. We will be using Read Theory.org for reading comprehension practice and to boost lexile levels.

Students will also take the 3rd Grade Reading Diagnostic Test on Study Island and in Pearson. We will be using Study Island on a regular basis. Students can work at their own pace to earn “Blue Ribbons” and classroom rewards. We will be using this program as an individual progress tracking tool.

I will be working with students one on one to help them pick out a “just right” book. This will be based on Lexile level and student interest. We will slowly be building silent reading stamina and ability.

Spelling & Phonics Skill: (LA Standard 3.W.6.2) Spelling List Week U.1 W.1

This week we will be focusing on the V/CC/V rule.

The list is brought home on Monday and should be studied at home daily. There will be a trial test/pretest on Wednesday and a **final test on Friday**. If a student gets 100% on the trial test, he/she is excused from taking the final test. If the student gets a 90% or higher, he/she has a choice to retake Friday. A score below 90% is a mandatory retake on Friday. I will always use the better of the 2 scores.

A copy of this week's spelling list is linked to ***SPELLING List Week 1*** on my Webpage under Spelling Lists.

3rd Grade Spelling Bee: Third graders also participate in four spelling bees throughout the year, one each grading period. The list for the first nine weeks will be sent home Friday. Participation is optional for all students, but we encourage it with great prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners!

English/Grammar/Writing (LA Standard 3.W.6.1)

This week we will be reviewing basic sentence writing skills and penmanship. Students will distinguish between sentences and sentence fragments. We'll be reviewing how to use Google Docs and other writing tools. Students will also be working on weekly writing prompts that they'll keep in their binders to build upon throughout the year.

Math

This week students will be taking the EnVision Math Placement Test. This test will give us information that will help us to group students according to their strengths and weaknesses and give us a better understanding of which areas we need to concentrate on individualized instruction.

Students will also take the 3rd Grade Math Diagnostic Test on Study Island. Students can work at their own pace to earn "Blue Ribbons" and classroom rewards. We will be using this program as an individual progress tracking tool as well.

Students will be taking a unit pretest this week. This information will allow me to compact lessons students already know and free up some time for us to work on more advanced math skills. This week I plan to cover the following content:

lesson- IN1 (reading and writing numbers to 1000 using words, models, standard form and expanded form - Standard 3.NS.1)

Lesson- IN2 (Comparing numbers up to 1000 -Standard 3.NS.2). At this point spelling in math becomes very important. Students must know how to correctly spell their numbers and mathematical terms.

Students have a choice between completing the homework pages in their textbook or online. I typically give students plenty of time in class to finish their homework. They may occasionally bring home a skills practice page.

Social Studies

We will begin learning about "Economic Concepts" this week. We'll begin with discussing and assigning classroom jobs and payment for these jobs using mini-economy money. Students will explore the concepts of earning, saving, and spending money.

Students will also be taking a beginning of the year 3rd Grade Social Studies Pretest on Study Island.

Science

Students will be using Digital Passport as they learn how to safely navigate the internet. Students will begin learning about what it means to have good digital citizenship. This will include the responsibilities they have in taking care of their computer devices and accessories, using the internet in a responsible and safe way, and the importance of following teacher directions and school rules.

Students will also be taking a beginning of the year 3rd Grade Science Pretest on Study Island.