

# Third Grade Parent Information Night 2016-2017

Hosted by the third grade team:

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!



# Communication

## How do the third grade teachers communicate with families?

- **Daily Folder**-paperwork, notes and information will come home in the Daily folder (please check this DAILY). Folders should be returned to school everyday
- **Teacher Website**- [www.timbercreekthirdgrade.weebly.com](http://www.timbercreekthirdgrade.weebly.com)
- **Weekly Newsletters**-these will be done via the home page on our third grade website. We will send out blog posts with pictures and fun events that have happened in our classrooms.
- **Remind 101**-these are text messages sent out by your teachers about important events coming up in the classroom
- **Class DoJo**- behavior tracking

# Communication- Third Grade Website

[www.timbercreekthirdgrade.weebly.com](http://www.timbercreekthirdgrade.weebly.com)

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# Communication- Weekly Newsletter/Blog

## Where do I find the weekly newsletter?

- Go to our website [www.timbercreekthirdgrade.weebly.com](http://www.timbercreekthirdgrade.weebly.com), scroll down (past the upcoming TC dates) and you will see What's New in third Grade. This is where we will give you updates on what we are learning about in each subject.

## Where do I find the third grade Blog?

- Go to our website [www.timbercreekthirdgrade.weebly.com](http://www.timbercreekthirdgrade.weebly.com), under the more tab go to teacher pages, then click on What's Happening. It would be a really good idea to sign up for email notifications for our blog (right side on the blog). We will NOT be posting here regularly. This is be more of a brag blog to show you all the awesome learning and fun experiences happening in third grade.

# Communication- Remind 101

If you have your devices now and haven't signed up for your teacher's Remind text messages please do it now...

Ms. Dusselier's class- text @msduss to the number 81010

Mrs. Ramirez' class- text @ramirez03 to the number 81010

Ms. Wallace's class- text @2geebd to the number 81010

# Communication-Class DoJo

All third grade teachers are using Class DoJo this year as a way to track student behavior. As students earn points they will receive a “belt” along with a reward. We are asking each parent to log on to their DoJo page to follow their child’s behavior. If you need information on how to log in please see your student’s teacher.



# Technology & Devices

- Ray-Pec is fortunate to have a 1-to -1 device program in place, so your student does not need to bring a device to school!
- Each third grade classroom has a cart with Chromebooks for student use
- **These devices will not leave the classroom**
- Students will have a device they use in the classroom checked out to them
- Students will use their district-provided g-mail addresses and logins to access the internet
- Our district filter prevents students from accessing websites with inappropriate content
- This filter also prevents email from outside of the district
  
- **Students have had training in the computer lab on safe device use, and they will be monitored at all time when on devices at school.**



# Teacher Ease

➤ Teacher Ease is the online gradebook program we use at Ray-Pec.

Assessment information is recorded in Teacher Ease. You are able to see every assessment we give your child “for a grade” (4,3,2,1) as soon as it is entered!

➤ **Daily practice work and homework are not graded/entered into Teacher Ease**

➤ Report cards are generated through Teacher Ease and are a snapshot in time of student progress and mastery toward learning targets

➤ Students are given re-teaching/ re-assessing opportunities all year during (this information will also be recorded in Teacher Ease)

➤ **If you are having difficulties logging in to Teacher Ease, please let your child’s teacher know! You should be using your SIS username and password**

# District Information

[District information on reporting](#)

# Curriculum

## What will my student learn in third grade?

### English Language Arts-

In third grade, students learn what it takes to become a stronger reader. This includes whole group and small group instruction to teach skills such as summarizing and questioning what we read. Responding to what we read is a focus area in third grade as well, as students will be taught to cite evidence from the text to support their thinking.

In grammar, your student will work on the parts of speech, determining literal and nonliteral language, as well as developing a strong sense of conventions of standard English.

Third graders also learn organizational methods to help them prepare for more complex writing pieces this year. Revising, editing, proofreading and researching are skills all third grade students will work on this year.

You will see cursive handwriting practice coming home. Your students will be learning how to apply cursive to their everyday writing this year.

# Curriculum continued...

**Math**- Third grade math begins with place value and its use within addition and subtraction. Multiplication and division are a primary focus in third grade along with using fractions.

Third graders will also study probability, geometry, graphing and patterns this year.

Word problems are a big deal in third grade. Your student will be analyzing written problems and applying strategies to solve them throughout every topic learned this year.

# Curriculum continued...

**Science**- Our science units include many opportunities for hands-on experiences. We apply the Scientific Method to our experiments and study concepts such as life cycles, force and motion, ecosystems, animal adaptations, our solar system and weather.

**Social Studies**-Social studies involves studying our governmental systems, economics, geography and regions of the United States.

# Special Events & Celebrations

- We have a field trip scheduled for Friday, September 23 to Missouri Town and one scheduled for Friday, May 12 to Powell Gardens. If you are not picked as a chaperone for either field trip but would like to drive and meet us you are more than welcome. You will have to pay the entrance to get into each place.
- If you would like to chaperone field trips or be part of events in our school you will need to fill out a Background Check form. You can get these from the front office. These checks are good for two years. You will need a background check if you would like to participate in any events at school where you are in direct contact with students. Parents will also be responsible for paying the fee to get their background check processed.

# Special Events & Celebrations

- Birthday celebrations are welcome for your child! He/she may bring in a snack (from the district approved snack list) to share with peers if they would like! Unfortunately, party invitations cannot be passed out at school.
- Grandparents Breakfast is coming early this year! We will have our Chris Cakes breakfast Thursday, September 22. This is also the same day as our APEX Fun Run! If you can, come support your child as they run their laps! Our Fun Run time is 1:45.
- Parent-Teacher Conference Forms will be sent out via e-mail on October 7. It's first come, first serve so please be looking out for an e-mail from [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)

# We need your help

As part of our class Dojo program we have several ways to reward students for their behavior. A trip to the treasure chest and using a fancy pen for the day are two ways. We would be greatly appreciative of any treasure chest items or fancy pens you can donate. We would also like to reward students when they reach the Ninja level. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards these awesome prizes, we would appreciate it.





# Questions??

We are here to answer your questions!

**Thank you for coming!**

It's going to be a GREAT year in third grade!

