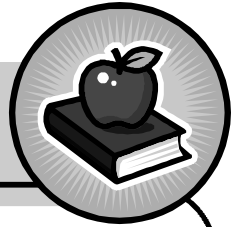


J206 THIRD GRADE NEWS



Teacher's Corner

Aloha and Welcome to Third Grade!

We had a very busy first week of school with introductions, benchmark tests, learning how to write in planners, and becoming responsible learners. I am very proud of all my students and so excited to be their teacher!

Allow me to tell you a little bit about myself.

My name is Rowena Dagdag. I was born and raised on Maui and graduated from Maui High School in 1994. I attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington where I received my bachelor's degree in Special Education as well as an endorsement to teach Elementary Education. I am entering my seventh year as a teacher. I did my student teaching in a third grade classroom in Spokane and have enjoyed working in the grade level ever since.

I hope that you took the time to read through the Third Grade Handbook with your child. The handbook is a good resource for parents with questions about homework policies and classroom procedures.

As stated in the handbook, third grade is a very challenging transition year for students and their families. The expectations are set higher for the students, and I intend on helping your child meet or exceed those expectations.

As a class, we will be learning a lot this year. I ask for your support in making this a fabulous year for your child.

Aloha,
Miss Dagdag

Curriculum

Reading

For the next three weeks, our students will be reading adventure stories from Houghton-Mifflin, A Legacy of Literacy. As students read, they need to pay attention to the order of events in the story and look for examples of cause and effect. These are reading strategies that we will focus on in this first theme entitled, "Off to Adventure". Selection tests to assess comprehension and vocabulary development will be administered at the end of the week.

Writing

Students have a spelling list each week containing 18 words. Four of those words are challenge words. There is a spelling test at the end of the week. Students are learning about fragments and complete sentences, proofreading for capitals and punctuation marks, and will write friendly letters and personal narratives.

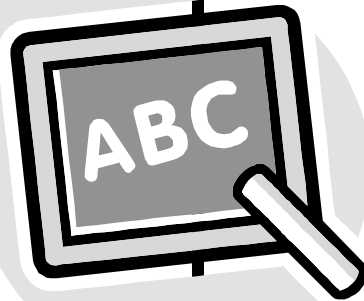
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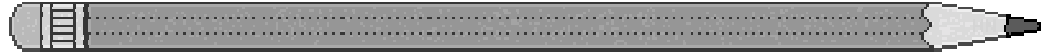
Your child will be learning important concepts about addition and subtraction, numbers from 100 to 999,999 using place value and patterns, and comparing, ordering, and rounding numbers. I am sending home a math glossary to help you keep track of the math vocabulary for each chapter.

Science

In science we are beginning a chapter that focuses on plants. Plants have specific needs that must be met in order for them to thrive and grow. These needs are covered in the chapter, along with thorough exploration of the parts of plants, how plants make food, and the purpose and function of seeds.

In addition to these curriculum areas, students will also have social studies, P.E., art, Hawaiian studies and language, music, go to the library and learn computer skills. These are subject areas that are taught at least once a week or once every other week.





Math Vocabulary for Chapters 1-3

- Fact Family
- Inverse Operations
- Order Property of Addition
- Identity Property of Addition
- Grouping Property of Addition
- Even
- Odd
- Digits
- Standard Form
- Expanded Form
- Word Form
- Pattern
- Benchmark Numbers
- Compare
- Rounding
- Less than (<)
- Greater than (>)
- Equal to (=)

Some Interesting News

DARE

Officer John Foster of the Maui Police Department will be coming to our classroom starting next Tuesday, September 6 to facilitate sessions on Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

D.A.R.E. teaches kids how to recognize and resist the direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs.

Whiz Kids Club

I believe students should be challenged to learn as many new things as they can. Students may become members of my classroom Whiz Kids Club. This is a club for students who are interested in achieving "above and beyond" the normal classroom expectations. All students have to do is learn all about the topic, and then come tell me the answers during their recess or lunch break, or

Additional School Supply Request:

A 1-inch binder with a clear cover on window.

This will be used as a portfolio for work completed in third grade. If you have a difficult time getting the binder, please write me a short note in your child's planner and I can assist you in obtaining one.

READING LOGS

Students are required to read at least 15 minutes per night. That translates to 4 hours each month! If students read a total of 6 hours of more per month, they will receive a Pizza Hut certificate from the Book-It program and a lunch in the classroom with other Book-It winners. If you do not have a book at home to read, please see me! Keep on Reading and Recording those minutes!

before or after school. Students can become a 1 star member, all the way up to an 85 star member! Students who achieve 16 accomplishments or more become members of the Hall of Fame and will have their name added to a Hall of Fame wall that I'll keep for as long as I teach. The Whiz Kids Board is located on the wall next to the entry way. There are 85 questions and

A SWEET DEAL

I have a marble jar that I keep in my classroom. When the students follow the rules, and do the right things, they earn a marble for the marble jar. When the entire jar is filled to the top, I will reward the class with an ice cream party. So far, our class has reached about a third of the way. After the party, the class starts over again with a new jar to fill. Doesn't that sound swweeeet???

activities in topics from Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science Areas. These challenge activities may be done at home or at school.



Mahalo!

Thank you for returning the student information forms and emergency cards! This year's third graders and parents are doing such a great job of returning important paperwork in a timely manner! Thank you for also reinforcing the card system that we have in place for managing classroom behavior. The students are doing well!

