



WELCOME

The word 'WELCOME' is written in large, colorful, dotted letters. The letters are: W (red), E (orange), L (yellow), C (green), O (light blue), M (pink), and E (teal). A red arrow points from the top left towards the 'L'. A green and white striped arrow points from the left towards the 'W'.



3rd Grade
Dune Lakes
Elementary
MISS HORVAT

The text is centered on a white, torn-edge paper background. The first three lines are in pink, and the last line is in black. A red and white polka-dot ribbon is at the bottom right.

3rd Grade Expectations



- This is a transition year where students grow, become more independent and are expected to take responsibility for their own learning.
- 3rd grade builds the foundation for the rest of their education. No longer are students learning to read, they are reading to learn.



here is our Schedule



- It is very important that students arrive to school on time and stay the full day.
- We start the day with reading interventions at 7:50.
- Every minute matters.

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- 7:15-7:45 Morning work and morning show
- 7:50-8:50 Walk to Read
- 8:50-10:05 Math
- 10:05-10:25 Recess and Snack
- 10:25-11:55 Whole group reading and grammar
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-1:20 Specials
- 1:20-2:10 Science, Social Studies and Writing
- 2:10-2:15 Clean up
- 2:15 Dismissal

S.T.A.R. Folder



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- Student Folders are updated every Monday for the whole week.
 - Spelling Lists
 - Homework List
 - Weekly Graded Assignments
 - Important Forms

here is Our Curriculum

ReadyGEN Reading Curriculum

- ReadyGEN is our reading curriculum. It is scientifically research based and includes a variety of complex texts in each unit. It has a balance of fiction and nonfiction material.
- It incorporates higher Depth of Knowledge questions to deepen students understanding.

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Eureka Math

- The Eureka math curriculum focuses on developing the conceptual understanding of math concepts as opposed to memorizing algorithms and procedures.
- if your child scores a D or below they will be allowed to retake the assessment with a parent signature on the original test. The two grades will be averaged and the average will be the grade in the grade book

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Writing

According to the state of Florida mandate, all 4th grade students are required to take the Writing FSA. In order to better prepare our students for this assessment, we are increasing the rigor for our 3rd grade students. This will include graded district wide writing assessments every nine weeks which will be included as a part of their ELA grade each 9-weeks. And we will also be taking one at least major writing assessment each 9-weeks based on the type of writing that will be on the writing assessment.

Multiplication facts



- We have just finished our unit on multiplication and division. We will continue to use these skills throughout the year but will be focused on other topics. Eureka math has taught them the strategies to solve multiplication problems.
- It is also important for students to begin to memorize their multiplication facts.
- Students will be working to earn a hot chocolate party in December and an ice cream sundae party at the end of the year. The more facts they learn the more toppings they receive.



all about Grading

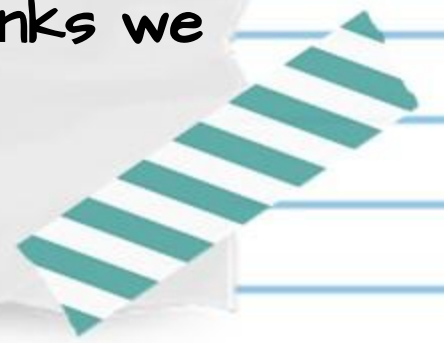


- Graded work comes home throughout the week, as it is graded. Please check your child's binder for the graded work and review it with your child.
- If you would like to keep track of grades, you may setup a parent Focus account. On the Dune Lakes website and the district website are directions for creating an account. You will need to complete portion online. Once that is complete you will have to show your ID to the office staff, to verify your identity and then they will activate your account. You will then be able to see each assignment, grade, absences, and STAR test scores.

Class Link



- The district now has an amazing new capability, ClassLink. Students will login to one website and then have access to ALL of the WCSD resources available to them (Compass Learning, Zearn, Khan Academy, all curriculum materials, Focus, office 365, and more!) Class Link is setup to automatically log students in or to remember their additional password. So students only have one password to remember them all! We have been working to get everyone logged in to each app (there are still a few kinks we are fixing). It is: my.classlink.com/walton
- Please give it a try at home



helpful Web Sites



Compass Learning



- Compass Learning's Pathblazer is a personalized web-based program used to enhance your child's educational experience in both reading and math.
- In conjunction with STAR assessments, Pathblazer will design a personalized pathway of engaging lessons specific to your child's needs.
- Students will access this program at school, but they can also login to Pathblazer at home. It is recommended that students spend 20 minutes on it at a time, in order to learn the lesson, practice the skill and pass the assessment to move on to the next topic.

all about Homework

Reading & Spelling

- Your child should read for 20 minutes every night. They should be reading a book on their level. Please initial the reading log nightly and turn it in on Fridays. Students are expected to read Monday - Friday.
- Spelling is worth 5% of the ELA grade.
- DFA tests are worth 20% of the ELA grade
- Writing/Grammar is worth 35% of the ELA grade
- All other reading tests are 40% of the ELA grade

all about Homework

Math

- Math homework is review from the day's lesson. It is expected to be completed each night and returned the next day for review in class. This is very important.
- If you need assistance helping your child with math, please review the parent tip letters that are sent home. Khan Academy has video lessons and practice for all Eureka Math lessons. Practice multiplication fact families.

A.R. Books



- Students are expected to read books on their AR level. Almost all published children's books have an AR level. To find a level, go to arbookfind.com or use Point Scan Free app.
- AR tests are 5 - 20 comprehension questions based on the book and can only be completed at school.
- We encourage students to complete AR tests right after finishing a book, to ensure that they have truly understood the material.
- Students will be checking out a fiction and nonfiction book from the library each week. We encourage students to always be reading a mixture of both.



A.R. Goals



- Students set individual goals for their AR points each quarter. These are based on their level and ability to reach their goal in the time frame. Students who reach their goal receive a prize at the end of the quarter.
- There are also school wide AR goals.



Class Dojo



- We use ClassDojo as a positive behavior system. Students earn points based on their good behavior in class.
- Students can also receive negative dojo points. Students who receive a minus point have had a serious behavior issue or have been reminded multiple times and have not changed their behavior.
- Students earn coupons for prizes and rewards with their points.
- It also allows me to message all parents or individual ones. You are able to send me messages as well.

FSA

- 3rd grade students take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), a statewide standardized test in the spring (usually March and April).
- 3rd grade is a mandatory retention year. If a student does not pass the reading portion of the FSA, they could be retained. There are procedures in place for students who do not pass the FSA so they can be promoted (a different test is given and if necessary a student can attend a summer reading program).
- Due to the FSA being in the spring, our pacing is accelerated. We must teach all standards prior to the test, so students are adequately prepared.



What can you do to support your child?

- Check binders and homework nightly
- Read 20 mins with your child nightly.
- Practice math facts
- Remember to check your child's ClassDojo points to see how they are doing with their classroom work habits and behavior
- Read, read, read! Read to your child and with your child.

all about Volunteering



Ways you can help

- Volunteer within classroom to help with copies, laminating, etc.
- Adopt our classroom (see form)
- Check out our wish-list for things our class needs (such as snacks and supplies for our classroom).
You can find this on our class website.
- Also see room mom Chenoa Norman to volunteer for special days such as Fun Run, Thanksgiving Feast, etc.

SCAN ME for info!



wishlist



class website