

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Curriculum

## Reading

Our school district has adopted the Harcourt Trophies reading series. Third graders will be reading selections a variety of genres. We will be supplementing the Harcourt books with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Core Literature books. We will also be forming literature circles to read books and work on skills that are “just right” for your child.

## Writing

We will be working on improving our writing by using 6-Trait Writing and the Writing Process.

### SIX-TRAIT WRITING

- \*Ideas & Content
- \*Conventions
- \*Organization
- \*Word Choice
- \*Voice
- \*Fluency

### WRITING PROCESS

- \*Pre-Writing
- \*Drafting
- \*Revising
- \*Editing
- \*Publishing

We will have “Writer’s Workshop” daily. This gives students the opportunity to have a choice in their writing as well as practice different styles of writing. Students will receive a focused mini-lesson at the beginning of each workshop. Students will be keeping a “Writer’s Notebook” and they will write in it for the next 15 minutes of workshop time. Time is set aside for conferencing with the teacher or peers and for sharing. You will be invited to our CCE Young Author’s Celebration in the spring to enjoy your child’s published writing.

## Spelling

Our weekly spelling lists will consist of 18 words. The first few words on the list are **CORE** words (words used often in everyday writing). The rest of the list will be **SKILL** or **PATTERN** words. Pre-tests will be given on Fridays and Post-tests on Thursdays. Students who miss 1 word or less on the pre-test will still be responsible for the original list, but will receive up to 5 additional **CHALLENGE** words to learn that week.

# Handwriting

We will be learning and using D'Nealian style cursive handwriting.

# Math

Our primary goal is to develop problem solvers and quick thinkers. We will do a "problem of the day" every day at the start of math followed by a few minutes of "mental math" practice. In our lessons, we will be using manipulatives, games, and cooperative learning groups to help us accomplish this goal!

We will continue to build on our skills in the following areas:

- \*estimation
- \*number sense
- \*whole number computation
- \*measurement
- \*geometry
- \*graphs
- \*probability
- \*fractions
- \*patterns
- \*algebra

Some new skills in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are:

- \*multiplication
- \*division
- \*decimals

\*\*\*\*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Graders need to have MASTERY over ALL basic facts.....

this includes addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division! Please set aside time each night to practice!

**MaStery = KNOWing a Fact in 3 Seconds or Less!!!**

# Science & Social Studies

We will be alternating between science and social studies this year.

Some themes include:

- \*Insects
- \*Simple Machines
- \*Solar System
- \*Water Cycle
- \*Properties of Matter
- \*Recycling & Conservation
- \*Personal Health & Safety
- \*Maps & Globes
- \*Continents & Oceans
- \*Canada
- \*Mexico
- \*Kansas City
- \*Pioneers & Settlers
- \*Economics
- \*Citizenship