



Third Grade Information 2021-2022

Our Specials Schedule:

Please dress appropriately for P.E. (Mon., Wed., Fri.) and Arts (Wed., and Fri.) and remember to return Library books on Fridays.

Lunches:

Great job on packing healthy lunches! Please remember to include any utensils or napkins needed.

Homework:

Students are expected to read every day. Independent silent reading, reading aloud alternating between adult and child, and simply reading stories at bedtime are all encouraged! Children are expected to review math facts daily. Flash cards, math fact games, workbooks, and online programs, are all great options. Studies show that independent reading and math fact practice are the best use of homework time and produce the best results. We will also be sending home a weekly spelling list to review daily, with a test on Friday. Look for math homework and additional work related to topics we are covering over the course of the year. Please create a routine at home that will help your child to remember to return homework daily.

Communication:

Parents and teachers serve as a team to provide the best educational experience possible for children. Please reach out with any questions or concerns, or to simply fill us in on anything pertinent. Tower School email is your best option, but keep in mind that we may not be able to check it while we are engaged with children. We strive to acknowledge the receipt of your email and may send you a quick "got it" in reply. So, please call if you have more immediate concerns.

*****if you need to change your dismissal routine, please contact both teachers regardless of which homeroom your child is in.**

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Mrs. Howells: kelly.howells@towerschool.org

By contacting both of us we can be sure to cover our bases regardless of who is absent or on duty that day. Please let us know as soon as possible, preferably early in the day, to avoid confusion at pick-up time.

Birthdays: Here at Tower birthdays are a special event that we celebrate all together once a month and within the classroom on or near the special day.

Recess: We will go outside for recess nearly every day. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather.

Scholastic Books:

Three or four times a year we will send home a Scholastic Book flyer. We find that Scholastic has some wonderful books for children at the most reasonable prices around. Most months feature a \$1 special offering. Points from book sales earn extra books for our classroom library. Books can be ordered online using our code or by sending your order form and check back to school.

Reports:

This year lower school will return to three progress reports per year. Look for these reports to include information from homeroom teachers and all specialists. Please reach out with any questions.

Room Parents: This year our room parents are Meredith Buckley and Jocelyn Cook; thank you Meredith and Jocelyn! Look for them to reach out for donations for classroom celebrations and for assistance with field trips.

Suggestions for Math Fact Practice

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In addition to reading each night, we expect students to practice their math facts. Until November, the primary focus is solidifying addition and subtraction facts up to 20. Your child should practice their facts for at least 10 minutes and can do this however they please. Here are a list of websites, apps and games that you can try along with typical flash cards or word problems

Math Websites

ABCya	www.abcya.com
Math Playground	https://www.mathplayground.com/index_addition_subtraction.html
Math Baseball	https://www.funbrain.com/games/math-baseball

Phone/Tablet Apps

- **Terrific Triangles**
- **Math Fact Fluency**
- **Math Bingo**
- **Splash Math** (membership fee required)

Card Games

Addition War:

Use 1-2 decks of cards (picture cards are optional*). Each player turns over 2 cards, then performs the operation by saying the fact and sum aloud. For example, turn over two cards and then say, $2 + 4 = 6$. The player with the greatest sum wins the round and takes all the cards. If the sums are equal there is WAR! Each player puts down 3 cards faced down and then turns over 2 more cards and says the fact aloud. The person with the greatest sum wins the war and gets all of the cards. The person with the most cards wins the game!

Subtraction War:

Use 1-2 decks of cards (picture cards are optional*). Each player turns over 2 cards, then performs the operation by saying the fact and difference aloud. After turning over two cards, say the largest number first. For example, $8 - 5 = 3$. The player with the largest difference wins the round and takes all the cards. If the differences are equal there is WAR! Each player puts down 3 cards faced down and then turns over 2 more cards and says the fact aloud. The person with the greatest difference wins the war and gets all of the cards. The person with the most cards wins the game!

