

Canyon Springs STEM Academy 3rd Grade 2023 - 2024 Syllabus

**Ms. Seeger
Mrs. Quinn
Mrs. Hamm**



About the Third Grade Team

Ms. Seeger received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from The University of Iowa. She also has reading and language arts endorsements.

Mrs. Hamm received her Bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. She also received her Masters degree in Early Childhood Education.

Mrs. Quinn received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in early childhood development from Concordia University in Irvine, CA.

Communication

Teacher Website: All of the information about upcoming events and important classroom happenings will be updated weekly. You can also find information on the teacher websites. The Peek of the Week will also be sent home on Class Dojo or email.

The best way to reach any member of the 3rd grade team is through Class Dojo or through email.

Karly Seeger- Karly.Seeger@dvusd.org
Mindea Hamm - mindea.hamm@dvusd.org
Sara Quinn - sara.quinn@dvusd.org

School Website: <http://www.dvusd.org/canyonsprings>

Voice Mail: You may also leave voice messages on the classroom phones. Phones will be checked once a day and you will receive a response within 24 hours.

Karly Seeger- 623-376-5259
Mindea Hamm - 623-376-5250
Sara Quinn - 623-376-5260

Emergencies: If you have an emergency during the school day, please call the front office at 623-376-5200

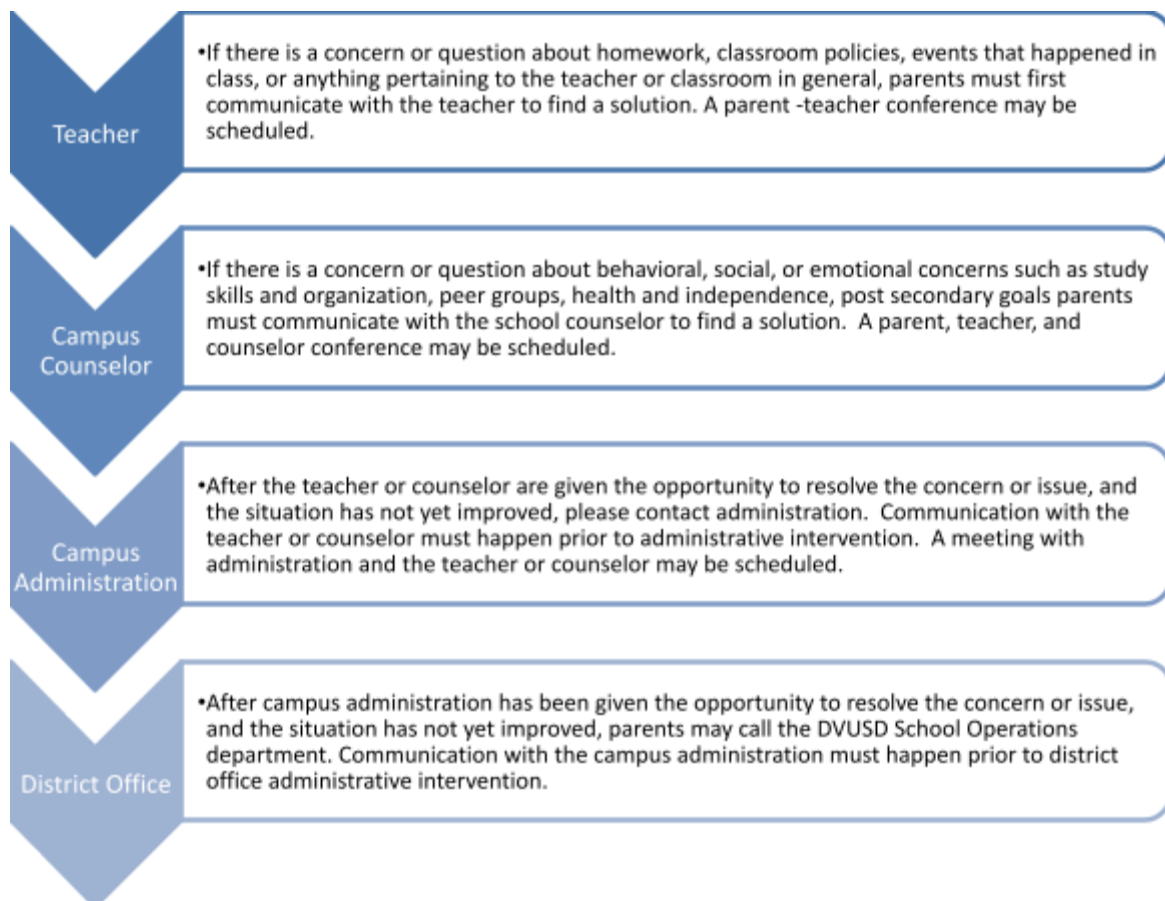
The third grade team will check and respond to messages between 8:15am-3:30 pm. Please allow 24 hours to respond.

**** Please schedule specific times to meet with your child's teacher, as we need time to communicate effectively. Each teacher will have professional duties directly before and after school hours. Please understand that we will not be able to meet or discuss issues while we are teaching or supervising students. However, we will contact you as soon as we can.**

Mrs. Aldred also sends monthly newsletters about what is happening on campus. Please make sure that you are connected to her online.

Boulder Creek Regional Schools Communication Protocol

Stakeholder communication plays an important role in the success of a school. Solutions are best found at the level closest to the issue or concern. As such, we have adopted the following region-wide protocol.



- If a child's safety or school-wide safety is a concern, please contact the front office or a staff member immediately. Administration works diligently to ensure the safety of all students.
- Please schedule specific times to meet with your child's teacher, as he or she needs time to communicate effectively. Teachers often have professional duties directly before and after school hours.

PowerSchools

PowerSchools is an essential resource for parents and students. It is not only a tool for communication regarding grades, it is a resource for our students and parents to check progress, missing work, and what is being taught/learned regularly. Please ensure that you and your child have access and are signed up for weekly email updates as an option in PowerSchools. Students will check their grades in class as well. If you don't have PowerSchool access, please contact the front office for a code.

Parent Involvement/Classroom Volunteers

Parent Involvement is all about the children. Participation in your child's education is proven to boost his or her achievement in school. We are committed to treat parents as partners while keeping lines of communication open and focused on the needs of your child. Mutual trust and respect between parents and teachers is required to maintain a positive learning experience at any school. We believe that your trust in Canyon Springs STEM Academy is required to ensure your child's success.

- **Field Trips:** Chaperones will have to pay to attend the field trip with students. They will have to be volunteer trained in order to attend. Chaperones will be chosen on a first come and paid basis. We make every attempt to offer field trips free of charge. However, the trip may cost a small amount depending upon transportation costs and entry fees to the venue.
- **School Volunteers:** Volunteerism in any form is greatly appreciated at Canyon Springs School. Deer Valley Unified School District requires all school volunteers to take the DVUSD Volunteer training course offered throughout the year (if you have taken this in previous years, you are all set).

- *Volunteers must set specific dates and times with the teachers. It is imperative to establish an important role for the volunteer without interrupting the learning environment. Parent volunteerism in the classroom during the school-day varies based on need, teachers, and grade levels.*

3rd Grade Class Schedule

8:15 - 9:50	ELA
9:50 - 10:35	Specials
10:35 - 11:05	Writing
11:05 - 11:45	Recess/Lunch
11:45 - 12:20	Science
12:20 - 1:00	Social Studies
1:00 - 1:15	Tier 2
1:15 - 1:30	Second Recess
1:30 - 3:00	Math

Specials Schedule:

Ms. Seeger

Day 1: Spanish

Day 2: PE

Day 3: PE

Day 4: Music

Day 5: PE

Day 6: Art

Ms. Hamm

Day 1: PE

Day 2: Spanish

Day 3: Music

Day 4: PE

Day 5: Art

Day 6: PE

Mrs. Quinn

Day 1: PE

Day 2: Art

Day 3: PE

Day 4: Spanish

Day 5: PE

Day 6: Music

Curriculum

This is an overview of what will be covered this year in third grade.

Reading	Students will fluently read informational and literary texts to answer questions. Students will analyze reading passages. They will be tested weekly on reading skills.
Writing	Opinion, Informative/Explanatory and Narrative essays will be composed using the AASA 3rd-5th Grade Writing Rubrics.
Math	Students will learn skills relating to: addition and subtraction within 1,000, multiplication and division, fractions, geometry, and measurement.
Science	We will study Light, Sound and Life on Earth using the new Arizona standards. We will use problem based learning strategies and core ideas.
Social Studies	We will study Arizona History. Including map skills, analyzing specific people in America and the world, basic economic principles.

We will also be using Sanford and Harmony to address our students' social and emotional needs. Students will work with understanding the Habits of Mind as well as developing a Growth Mindset.

o Resources for parents:

- DVUSD Math Resources for Parents
<https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/28323>
- DVUSD English Language Arts Resources for Parents
<https://www.dvUSD.org/Domain/5389>
- Webb's Depth of Knowledge
http://www.aps.edu/sapr/documents/resources/Webbs_DOK_Guide.pdf

Grading

Canyon Springs STEM Academy will be implementing the following grading procedures.

Students Role in Learning: Students become self-directed in learning about themselves as a learner. They have to analyze their own study habits to figure out what actually works for them, this helps students retain knowledge.

Grade Scale

Grade scale for marking proficiency of the **STANDARDS:**

- 4 = Highly Proficient
- 3 = Proficient
- 2 = Partially Proficient
- 1 = Minimally Proficient

Grade scale for overall **COURSE GRADES:**

- A = 90-100%
- B = 80-89%
- C = 70-79%
- D = 60-69%
- F = 0-59%

Grade Weights

80% for Assessments
20% for Classwork

To Sum it Up: Missing assignments will be entered as 49% in the grade book. Assignments turned in that receive less than a 50%, will be entered as a 49% in the gradebook.

Retakes will only be given if a student received a 70% or less on an assessment. Retakes and late work must be submitted within 10 days of the date of the original assessment. No retakes will be given on spelling tests.

No "extra credit" will be given at any time.

Absences

If a student is absent more than one day, Please contact your child's teacher or contact the front office. The absent work will be sent to the office for pick-up, or sent home with a requested student.

If a student is absent for a test, quiz, or presentation, they will be required to complete the test, quiz, or presentation on the day they return to school or at the teacher's earliest convenience. Long-term absences will be handled on an individual basis. It is district policy that students be provided with one day for every day they are absent to make up their missed work before it is considered late. Missing assignments must be made up no later than two weeks after the due date.

Behavior Guidelines and Management

Our goal is to have your child be aware of the behavior choices he/she makes and to take responsibility for the results of their choices. We will emphasize positive discipline and provide a no-bullying threat free environment.

- o *All District Rules will be adhered to at Canyon Springs STEM Academy. Please refer to the DVUSD Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. We believe that students must treat others with the same respect with which they are treated by the adults in our school. We also believe that student's actions, dress, possessions, etc., must not cause a problem for themselves or anyone else.*

Den Dollars: Students will Den Dollars (school wide) for following expectations. Students will be able to go to the school store once a week to spend their money.

Wolf Tickets: Wolf Tickets will be given out to students who show good character. The ticket will go into a school wide drawing.

Wolves EXPECTATIONS

Students will:

1. **Work Together**
2. **Seek Opportunities for Growth**
3. **Lead with Integrity**
4. **Value Others**
5. **Engage in Learning**
6. **Be Safe**

Consequences

Teacher will document minor behaviors by using the minor behavior tracking form. The purpose of tracking student minor behaviors is to collect data on student behavior which allows teachers and administration to better address common problems that may occur across the school and classes. 3 minors = 1 major. Majors will be sent up to the office.

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Birthday and Holiday Celebrations

Food, flowers, and balloons are not permitted into our classrooms for individual student birthday celebrations due to the large number of students at Canyon Springs with life threatening allergies. We truly appreciate your understanding and support while we ensure the safety of our students.



MINOR BEHAVIORS

HANDLE IN CLASSROOM

- Class Disruption
- Unprepared
- Cheating
- Swearing
- Note passing
- Put downs
- Gum
- Touching Others
- Dress Code
- Littering
- Not Following Directions
- Throwing Objects
- Electronic Devices
- Public Display of Affection
- Tardies
- Defiance/ Disrespect (1)
- Horse Play

CLASSROOM INTERVENTIONS

- Warning
- Loss of Privileges
- Seat Change
- Complete Work During Recess
- Conference with Student
- Lunch Detention
- Confiscation of Electronics
- Send to Buddy Classroom
- Reflection Time
- Contact Parents

MAJOR BEHAVIORS

SEND TO OFFICE

- Negative Affiliation
- Fighting
- Weapons
- Sexual Language
- Bullying/ Harassment
- Skipping Class
- Throwing Dangerous Objects
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Drugs/ Alcohol/ Tobacco
- Defiance or Disrespect (2+)
- Threatening/ Aggressive behavior
 - o Verbal or Physical

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3rd Grade Supply List 2023-2024

Arizona Law requires that public schools provide supplies required for academic success. This list represents optional, supplementary items, which you may supply at your discretion. Due to school budget restraints, we highly recommend that parents purchase these supplies for their children. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Student needs:

- 1- 1" Heavy Duty 3-Ring Durable View Binder
- 4- one subject spiral notebooks (**each a different color**)
- 4- two pocket folders
- 2- package pencils (**pre-sharpened preferred**)
- 2 - packs of glue sticks
- 1- pencil pouch/box
- 1- personal pencil sharpener (**must have attached container to catch shavings**)
- 2- packs 3 count pink erasers
- 1- ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1- pack of dry erase markers
- 1- personal set of headphones
- 1- pack of markers
- 1 - pack of crayons
- 1- pack of colored pencils
- 1- scissors

Classroom Donations:

- ***Clorox wipes
- ***Hand sanitizer
- ***2 large boxes of Kleenex
- ***Plastic Water bottles
- 1 box latex free band aids
- Construction Paper or Scrapbook Paper
- Duct Tape

*** Items we run out of quickly and use regularly!



3rd Grade Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

- We have reviewed and understand the curriculum information, homework and grading policy, and website information for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____