Weekly News

September 4, 2026

Character Focus: Courage

Parent-Teacher Conferences - OCTOBER 7-8th

If you have not received a sign-up to schedule a conference time with your teacher, you will receive it soon. We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your students' school year.

Setting Up for Success in Third Grade

Planners

Learning how to use a planner is one of our first goals in third grade. All homework and upcoming special events will be listed in the planner. **Students are required to obtain a parent signature in their planner every night and bring their math workbook home/back to school.** Thank you for partnering with us to establish good homework habits this year.

CogAT Testing

Part of third grade includes students taking the Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT). The CogAT measures a student's potential problem-solving skills in the areas of verbal ability (word analogies and sentence completion), quantitative ability (numeric) and nonverbal reasoning ability (puzzles, part-to-whole, and visual spatial manipulation of pictures). The test results provide us with important information helpful in meeting your student's unique learning needs. Your student will be taking the test **September 21st (8:30-9:30am / 1:30-2:30pm) & September 23rd (8:30-9:30am)** Please make sure your child is here during those times.

Visit our 3rd grade website for more information!

Curriculum

Spelling – Our first spelling test will be on September 11th, covering lists 3 & 4.

Math – Our first test, covering place value of numbers up to 10,000, will be next week. Download the Parent Support-Math Explanation Letters for ideas on how to best support your child at home.

Writing – We are learning to write a rough draft from a **K**ey **W**ord **O**utline (**KWO**), edit it and then write a final copy.

Reading – We are reading Charlotte's Web as a whole class. Ask your student how Wilbur first met Charlotte.

Science– We have started learning about life cycles in class. Ask your student about their plants.

Recitations – "Catch a Little Rhyme"

Poems and a recitation schedule can be found on the third grade website.

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER 7
NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 17
Grandparents Day

SEPTEMBER 18
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Inservice

SEPTEMBER 21 & 23
CogAT Testing
more information to come

SEPTEMBER 29
Zoo Field Trip
more information to come

OCTOBER 2
Service Run

OCTOBER 7-8
NO SCHOOL
Parent/Teacher Conferences

OCTOBER 12-16
NO SCHOOL
Fall Break

Character Focus

The start of a school year can be stressful as students are learning new routines. We ask them to show **courage** by choosing to do the right thing, even if those around them may not be.