



Weekly News

September 11, 2026

Character Focus: Courage

Parent-Teacher Conferences - OCTOBER 8-9th

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 next spelling test will be on September 17th, covering lists 5 & 6.

Math – We will start working on mental math strategies in chapter 2, 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 **Key Word Outline (KWO)**, edit it and then write a final copy.

Reading – We are reading Charlotte's Web as a whole class. Discuss with your child ways that they can be a good friend.

Science– Ask your student how their plants and caterpillars are coming along. We enjoy learning about life cycles and will take our unit test next week

Recitations – [“Catch a Little Rhyme”](#)
Poems and a recitation schedule can be found on the third grade website.

Important Dates

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 8-9

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.