



Weekly News

September 18, 2026

Character Focus: Courage

Setting Up for Success in Third Grade

CogAT Testing *NEXT WEEK*

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.

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.** Thank you for partnering with us to establish good homework habits this year.

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.

[Visit our 3rd grade website for more information!](#)

Curriculum

Spelling – Due to CogAT testing next week, our next spelling test will be on October 2nd and cover lists 9 & 10.

Math – Chapter 2 covers different mental math strategies. [Download the Parent Support- Math Explanation Letters](#) for ideas on how to best support your child at home.

Writing – Students will demonstrate their understanding of writing a paragraph, when they undertake their first semi-independent paragraph next week.

Reading – We are learning about friendships as we are reading [Charlotte's Web](#). 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 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

It takes **courage** to establish a new habit. One habit that we would like to explore is the habit of paying attention. **Teach your child to pay attention with their body.** Kids often don't realize what "paying attention" looks like. Use the acronym SLANT: **S**it up straight, **L**ean toward the speaker, **A**sk and answer questions, **N**od your head, and **T**rack the speaker with your eyes. When your child uses these behaviors, it helps them focus better and signals to others that they're listening.