

Johnson 3rd Grade

Parent Handbook

"IF YOU FIND A
PATH WITH NO
obstacles
IT PROBABLY DOESN'T
LEAD ANYWHERE."

~FRANK A. CLARK

Reading

- Treasures is used, along with trade books, pictures books and Scholastic News
- Daily 5 model allows for differentiation as students complete reading tasks as the teacher meets with small groups
- 20 minutes/night of reading homework is assigned
- 2 A.R. tests required/month
- Teacher Read Aloud is done daily
- Reading is integrated into all other curriculum

Writing

- Journaling in Morning Pages daily
- Writer's Workshop model is used for Narrative, Fairy Tale, Poetry, Informational and Opinion writing
- Writing portfolio published at the end of the year
- Writing is integrated into all other curriculum

Spelling

- A weekly list will come home in the Homework Packet and a test will be given each Thursday.

Handwriting

- Review of printing upper/ lower case letters
- Cursive practice throughout the year
- Cursive license earned by the end of the year

Math

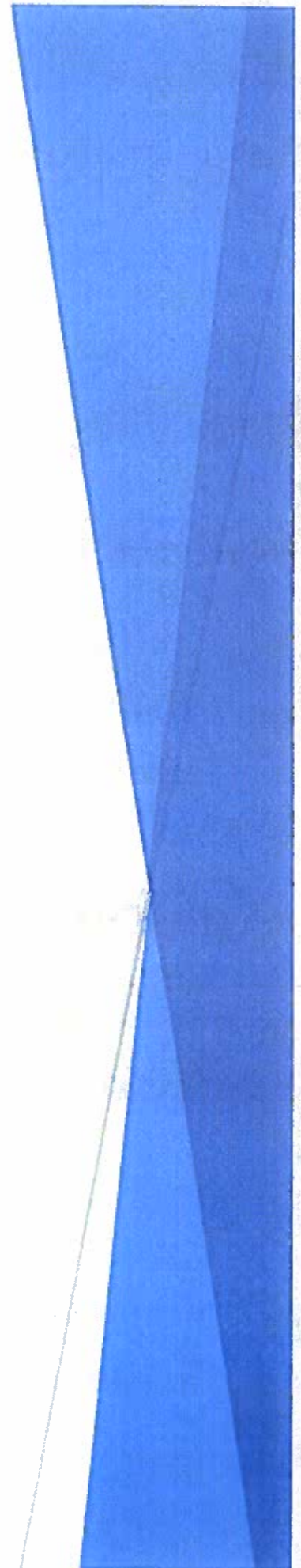
- Growth Mindset philosophy
- Math Workshop Model
- enVision Math curriculum which is $\frac{1}{3}$ conceptual, $\frac{1}{3}$ procedural and $\frac{1}{3}$ application based
- Multiplication Strategies
- Math Fact practice

Mini-Economy

- Economics and personal finance
- Classroom jobs
- Bi-weekly banking
- School store

Behavior

- PSD Code of Conduct
- PRIDE Behavior expectations
- Zones of Regulation



Social Studies

- Map Skills
- 7 Continents of the world
- Regions of the United States
- Ambassador Project

Science

- District FOSS kits – Structures of Life, Earth Materials and Water
- Scientific Method
- Group Science Fair Project

Grading Policy

- Poudre School District Grading Scale:

E excellent E+ 98-100

E 94-97

E- 90-93

I improving 70-70

U unsatisfactory below 60

S satisfactory S+ 88-89

S 84-87

S- 80-83

N needs improvement 60-69

Homework

Weekly Homework Packet is sent home each Friday and is due the following Friday, consisting of :

- Math pages to practice already learned skills
- Spelling words
- Nightly reading for 20 minutes
- Friday Folder

Birthdays

- Non-food treats are allowed (like pencils, erasers, etc.)
- 10 minutes of extra recess is given
- Other fun activities

Communication

- Third grade website
- Bi-weekly newsletter emailed and posted on website
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