**ABC’s of 3rd Grade**

**Mrs. Born, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Langley & Mrs. Matthews**

**Stokesdale Elementary 2024-25**

**Arrival/Dismissal :**

☺ The school opens at 7:00 am. Students will come directly to the classroom to unpack, go to breakfast if needed, and complete their morning work. The tardy bell will ring at 7:25. School will dismiss each day at 2:10 pm. Our students are now 3rd graders. They should come into the classroom INDEPENDENTLY.

**Absences:**

☺If your child misses school for any reason, you will need to send an excuse note the day he/she returns to school in his/her take home folder. We are now in third grade, where there is a harder curriculum and as we all know TESTING!! It is very imperative for good attendance throughout the school year, including being on time to school each day to ensure students are not missing out on important core content.

**Behavior:**

☺Stokesdale Elementary School uses a school wide behavioral system called PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System). Students will be recognized for their positive behavior as we create a community environment that encourages our students to work together as a team. In my classroom, I do NOT believe in a behavior chart for the entire class. If I have a behavior issue with an individual student, they will be addressed by me and given a warning. If the behavior continues, parents will be contacted. The whole class gets incentives such as pizza parties, pajama parties, etc when they display great behavior and collaborating together as well as putting their best efforts first. No behavior calendars are used in third grade.

☺ Breakfast is served daily in the cafeteria from 7:00 to 7:20. Students should get their breakfast **before coming to the classroom**. If your child is going to breakfast, please be sure they arrive at 7:00 so they have ample time to eat and complete morning work.

**Contact**

☺Ways to contact me!

* **Bloomz is one way to contact me or email.**
* **Email**- JOHNSOL4@gcsnc.com In the event of an **emergency** and you need to contact me quickly, email me first or call the main office: 336-643-8420.

**Conferences**

☺ Parent conferences will be held after the first grading period (October/November). Time frames will be 10-minute blocks for each parent conference. (Virtually or In-person options will be offered)

☺ You can also request a parent/phone conference any day throughout the year between 2:30 & 3:30 after school.

**Field Trips**

☺We will be taking 3-4 field trips this year. Most of the field trips will not require chaperones, but some may. To be a chaperone you must complete a background check online. You can find the link for this on the Stokesdale Elementary School homepage.

**Folders**

☺ **Folder**: Your child will have a folder that they will bring home **every Friday**. This folder will have any important information that needs attention, flyers, and some daily work. I will guide the students in placing their papers in their folders each day. If you send a note, please put it in an envelope addressed to the teacher. On Fridays we send home the weekly papers, graded papers and any other communication from the school. The students will also have an **Unfinished Work** folder in their desks. They are responsible for keeping track of their unfinished work and keeping it neat in this folder, instead of floating or crammed into their desks. They are also responsible for completing their unfinished work in a timely manner. In 3rd grade we start to work on organization and being accountable for their own work.

**Grades**

☺ In 3rd grade, students start receiving letter grades in reading, math, science and social studies. Grades are broken down into classroom work, classroom participation, quizzes and tests. Please note that neat handwriting, complete and accurate work, proper punctuation as well as showing their work will all be a factor of the grade they receive on their assignments. Grades will be entered into PowerSchool that you, as the parent, will have access to see.

**Homework**

☺ **Reading**: Read for **20 minutes** each night with your child. You will receive a monthly reading log to initial each Friday. Each Friday I check for parent initials. Please discuss with your child, I do know parent initials from student handwriting. This counts as a weekly grade for your child. In Reading – there is a weekly homework grade for the reading log in addition to comprehension/writing passages from the CKLA workbook. In math, students will have pages from their Eureka Squared Apply Workbook due on Friday.

**Lunch/Snack**

☺ Third grade lunch times range from 11:00-12:0. Please see individual classroom schedules for your child’s exact lunch time. You can pay for your child’s lunch online at [www.K12paymentcenter.com](http://www.K12paymentcenter.com) If you are joining your child for lunch, please meet us in the cafeteria NOT in the classroom as this disrupts instruction. You may not join your child for lunch until AFTER the 2nd week of school, per Mrs. Bennett.

☺ Our **snack** time is in the **morning** at 9:25. Please send in a small **DAILY** snack for your child to enjoy! If you are willing to send in extra snacks for students who may forget, that would be greatly appreciated!

☺ **Water bottles** are allowed in student cubicles throughout the day as long as they are not a distraction. Please make sure these water bottles are SWEAT RESISTANT!

**Newsletter**

☺ I will be updating Bloomz periodically to inform you of important dates, testing dates, classroom updates, etc. Please refer to Bloomz for any important updates throughout the week!

**Schedule**

☺ I have attached a copy of our daily schedule to this packet. We will be following that schedule regularly except when we have activities such as assemblies, field trips, early release, etc.

☺ Our daily specials are listed below! On P.E days, please make sure your child wears tennis shoes.

**Supplies**

☺ Most supplies become “community” supplies in our classroom. This means we all share them when needed. If your child has special supplies just for them, please label them or have your child keep it in their pencil pouch or desk. These include scissors, special pencils, pencil pouches, and pocket folders.

**Volunteers**

☺ I welcome volunteers to help in the classroom and with other duties such as making copies, helping students with reading skills, or providing any items we may need. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know!

This will be an exciting year full of learning, fun, success, challenges, and determination! WE WILL HAVE AN AMAZING year!

~Third Grade Team ~

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**Mrs. Johnson’s Specials Schedule:**

Monday: P.E.

Tuesday: Art

Wednesday: Music

Thursday: Computer

Friday: Media

**Mrs. Johnson’s Daily Schedule:**

7:00-7:30 – Arrival, Morning Work

7:30-7:45 – “Drop Everything and Read”/ Restorative Practices

7:45-8:55 – CKLA

8:55-9:25 – Reading I.E Small Groups

9:25-10:20 – Standards Based ELA (Snack 9:25)

10:25-11:10 – Specials

11;15-11:40 – Lunch

11:50-12:10 – Math

12:10-12:40 – Recess

12:45-1:30 – Math and I.E. Small Groups

1:30-2:10 – Science / Social Studies

2:10 – Pack up/Clean room/Dismissal