

The ABCs of 3rd Grade



If your child is going to be **absent**, please call the school (994-1949) to let the secretaries know as soon as you are aware of the impending absence.

Art is on Wednesdays.



Bach folders help keep us organized. Please make looking at this folder a routine and return it to school each Friday.

We will celebrate **birthdays** at school, but we will not include food/prizes in our celebrations. If you would like to purchase a book for our class library you can find an Amazon wish list on our class website wish list for suggestions. Your child's name will be written on the inside of the book and she/he will share the book with the class on his/her birthday.

We are going to be reading **buddies** with Mr. Letourneau's 2nd grade class.

The 1st **bell** rings at 8:53. Our school day **begins** at 8:56.



Curriculum Night is Thursday, September 10 from 6:00-7:45. It is very important that you come to hear all about the routines and curriculum objectives of third grade. Parent and Teacher **conferences** are held in the fall. Parents and teachers can request additional conferences as needed. Dates and times coming soon.

Communication is important. Feel free to contact me whenever you have a question, comment, or concern. Lauren cell:734-649-8269, email chappell@aaps.k12.mi.us, I also use an app called Remind. More info for sign up at curriculum night.



Discipline is simple. We work hard as a class to make the classroom a positive and safe place for all. The Bach School rules are: Be respectful. Be responsible. Be safe.

Donations are always welcome. I'm trying to build my classroom library to match the students interest, create STEAM Bins, and continue building my flexible seating. See me for ideas if you are interested!



My school **email address** is chappell@aaps.k12.mi.us. I check email daily. If you have an email address, please let me know. Email is a fast and easy way for me to communicate with you.

Please complete and return the **emergency card** promptly. If your home or work phone number change, please inform the office and me. It is so important that we know how to contact you in the event of an emergency.



Information about **field trips** will come home in the Bach folder and will be detailed in the field trip permission slip and the newsletter. We are planning to go on some fun and educational field trips throughout the year.



We will go to the **gym** for 60 minutes on Mondays. Please remember to have your child bring/wear sneakers! Bach is a green school! News about our class will be posted on our website.



Homework is optional for families. Math will be sent home on Fridays. The homework supports the weekly lessons. This will be a family choice. Research shows that homework on the elementary level doesn't effect student achievement. On the other hand research supports that reading every night for 20 minutes provides significant benefits. I will expect students to read every night. Occasionally your child will have writing homework or a special project that may require extra time outside of school. The homework will be sent home in the Bach folder on Friday. Unless otherwise noted, please return the homework the following Friday. Homework should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete. If homework is taking longer, please contact me so that we can come up with a solution. I don't want homework to be a stressful situation at home for your family.



Independence is a goal for students because it builds self-esteem and self-confidence. When a child feels confident in their ability to function/problem solve independently their academic/social emotional skills also soar!



June 12 is the last day of school! It is a half-day of school.



Keep updated by visiting our website and Seesaw! Checking the Bach folder every Friday for other notes and information is also a good idea.



Our class will visit the **library** on Tuesdays. Your child will check out books when we visit the library and return them the following week.

Our class has **lunch/recess** from 12:00-12:48. If **lunch money** is sent to school, please send it in an envelope, label with your child's name, teacher, and the amount enclosed.



The 3rd Grade **math** curriculum provides students with mathematical experiences that help them develop number sense and a positive attitude towards mathematics. The Everyday Math curriculum teaches students math concepts using multiple methods. Students receive direct whole group instruction. Then they are able to practice the skills with a small group, with a partner or independently. They also get an opportunity to reinforce the concepts through hands on explorations and math games.



You must send a **note** if your child will be going home with another child or adult. Please let me know any time your child's dismissal plans are different than a typical day.



Other Questions? Let me know if I haven't covered something.



Practice your math facts at home whenever you have a spare minute or two. Driving in the car, kids bored? Practice your basic facts! It is so important for your child to master math facts.



Questions? Please feel free to call, stop in, email, or send a note. 734-649-8269 cell



We will have Guided **Reading** for 60-75 minutes every day. Children will meet in guided reading groups and read books at their own instructional level. When the students aren't meeting with me they will be engaged in centers that enrich reading. The students are given tasks and goals, based on a whole group mini lesson, for their reading time.

3rd Grade **report cards** will be sent home three times a year: in November, March and June.

3rd Graders have lunch **recess** every day. We also have recess in the afternoon. Please dress your child appropriately for outdoor play.



I'm very excited to begin incorporated a website called Seesaw. It is a student portfolio that parents will be able to view and make comments daily! I'll present detailed info at curriculum night.

Your child should bring a fruit/vegetable **snack** to school every day. Due to allergies in our room, we will have fruits/vegetables throughout the year. We will have snack time in the morning since our lunch is late.

Your child will occasionally get **Scholastic** book orders sent home. We receive bonus points for this order, which I will use to build our classroom library! We need more 3rd grade chapter books. Thank you in advance for your support.



If your child has any changes in their **transportation** please let me know in writing prior to, or the day of, the transportation change. Calling the office is the best method for letting me know about *last minute* transportation changes.

I am excited about blending **technology** into the elementary classroom. I have gathered many ideas that I'm looking forward to using in order to enrich lessons.



Unpack your child's backpack EVERY day to make sure you are receiving all information about school.

Volunteers and **visitors** are an important component of our 3rd grade day. I welcome your help. There will be a sign up sheet at Curriculum Night. I hope to see you at school often!

Family **vacations** are wonderful opportunities for your family. Please let the Bach office staff know of your plans as soon as you know them. Also, let me know so that I can prepare any materials your child may need to stay caught up with the class.



You are always **welcome** in our classroom!

We will have **Writer's Workshop** every day in school. At the beginning of the year, children will most often be writing about their life experiences. You can help your child recall special events/memories by gathering photos or momentos. Send in the momentos by 9/13. We will use the pictures to decorate our writing journals. In addition, please send a summer memory picture. We will display the photos in our classroom.



Students **exit** school at 3:59 through the 5th street door Please help your child know his/her dismissal plan.



Your ideas...and suggestions are welcome!



Zzzzzzz - Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Setting and keeping a bedtime is a wonderful gift you can give your child.