

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Handbook



Meridian Elementary  
2016-2017

### **Contact Information**

- Please see the website for teacher specific contact information.

### **Snacks/Water Bottles**

Please send a healthy snack each day. As we have several nut allergies in the school a **NUT FREE** snack would be extremely helpful. A water bottle should also come to school filled every day. If your child does not have a water bottle please let me know and I will provide one.

### **Birthday Celebrations**

Our class would be happy to help celebrate your child's birthday!! We recommend a healthy snack or for your child to pick an activity to do with the class. Please contact me at least a week in advance to plan a time to celebrate. See the "Birthday Menu" on the website for non-food choices 😊

### **Classroom Library Books**

The students are able to read classroom library books during our independent reading time each day. Typically these books will stay at school, and I ask that you provide books for your child to read at home to complete their reading homework. However, if you are not able to have books at home (or your child has read them all ☺) let me know and we can work out a system so they may take these books home.

### **Scholastic Book Orders**

I will send home book orders from Scholastic every month. Scholastic is a great way for you to build an at home library for your student to read at night. The more they read, the better they will get!! Also, the more books you order, the more books we can get for our classroom library. Everyone loves new books!! Please visit our online classroom site for information to order. I will send home a code with the first packet. I will then place the order for our class and I will send the books home with your student. If the book is a gift, please let me know and we will arrange a way for you to pick them up in secret.

### **Homework**

- Please see separate attachment regarding homework in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

### **Volunteers**

As you all know, every teacher depends on volunteers HEAVILY to get through each day! Please sign up on the Volunteer Form and I will get in contact with you about creating a schedule.

### **Communication**

I always welcome parents to communicate with me regarding their child. The more information I have, the better I can help them learn! ALWAYS feel free to e-mail me, call, or schedule a meeting so we can talk one-on-one about anything. I will most likely respond to you sooner, but please allow 24 hours for a response. I hope we can work as a team to give your child a great 3<sup>rd</sup> grade experience!

### **Standards Based Grading**

Schools in Adams 12 are shifting to a new way of grading students. In Infinite Campus you will have access to Learning Activities and Assessments that are graded according to the Colorado State Standards. Your child will receive the following mark based on their performance according to the standard.

4 - Advanced: Student is performing above grade level and past expectation for the standard

3 - Proficient: Student is performing at grade level independently for that standard

2 - Partially Proficient: Student is performing at grade level with assistance and guidance for that standard

1 - Unsatisfactory: Student is not performing at grade level independently or with assistance for that standard

As we get into marks for how your student is performing please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions, and I will answer them as best as I can.

### **Take Home and Friday Folders**

Each night your child will bring home their Take Home folder. This will contain any homework they need to complete or forms that need to be filled out that night. This folder needs to come back and forth **every day**. On Friday the same folder will come home with your child's work, information from the school and information from me. Usually I will look over their work, have them make any corrections, and put a sticker/stamp showing that I have seen it. Please send the folder back empty for the next week ☺