

Welcome to Third Grade!

Dear Parents and Students,

We are looking forward to a new school year here at Stetson Hills. The third grade team is excited about assisting your child through another academic year. We look forward to your participation in helping to make your child's education a positive experience. Below is information that you will find useful in preparation for next year.

What Will We Learn this Year?

Reading: We will be using the district adopted curriculum, Reading Street, which is aligned to the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. These standards have a large focus on expository/nonfiction text and for students to cite evidence when responding to questions. We will also learn about the reading process - strategies for decoding unfamiliar words, reading fluently, learning new vocabulary, comprehension skills and strategies.

Writing: The writing process (prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing) will be taught with emphasis on argumentative/opinion, informative/explanatory, and narrative writing using the Write From the Beginning writing program. We are implementing a new cursive program by Zaner-Bloser Handwriting.

Phonics: This year we will be implementing a curriculum provided by 95 Percent. It will break down each syllable type in order to help students read unfamiliar words. We will also be using Words Their Way to help with the application of 95% skills.

Math: We will be using Eureka Math to follow the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. Our big focus is on understanding multiplication/division and understanding fractions. Students will be asked to explain their thinking on how they solve a math problem. We will also learn about number operations, word problems, patterns, measurement, time, place value, estimation, and interpreting data.

Social Studies/Science: Third graders will learn about early American history, geography/directions, maps, civics and government, and world history. In science we will focus on inquiry process, life cycles, plant structure, living and nonliving ecosystems, adaptations, rocks and minerals, light and sound.

Field Trips: We try to take one trip per quarter that relates to a study of Science or Social Studies. Please make sure you have been through the District Volunteer Training class if you are wanting to chaperone.

Lunch - Third grade goes to lunch from 12:00-12:40. They will have lunch first and then recess.

We look forward to meeting you in August! ☺

Mrs. Boutelle - Room 519

Mrs. Fleming - Room 402

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