

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 continue with our reading curriculum, Into Reading by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. HMH Into Reading combines the best practices of balanced literacy with comprehensive coverage of English Language Arts curriculum standards. Each module consists of a learning mindset and an essential question. There are 5 main components that students will engage in during whole group and small group instruction.

Writing: HMH Into Reading also comes with a Writing Workshop. This writing workshop represents a new generation of writing instruction. The workshop still consists of explicit modeling and instruction in process, technique, and the integration of grammar. Students will have the chance to hone their craft through daily writing practice and conferences with peers and teachers. Students will learn to write a personal narrative, letter, descriptive essay, persuasive letter, expository essay, an opinion essay, and a research report.

Language: Grammar mini lessons will be integrated during our writing workshop time. Grammar mini lessons consist of sentences, nouns/pronouns, verbs, modifiers (adjectives, articles, adverbs, and prepositions), punctuation marks, contractions/ abbreviations, and spelling.

Math: Eureka Math is our adopted curriculum. 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: This year in Science, we will be covering: Physical sciences- Light and Sound & Force and Energy, Earth and Space- Composition of the Earth and human processes and Life Science- Flow of energy in a system & Plants and Animals have specialized structures. In Social Studies third graders will learn about Arizona history, from the early explores to Arizona culture today. We will learn about geography/directions, maps, civics and government.

Lunch - Third grade goes to lunch from 12:00-12:30. They will have lunch first and then recess.

We look forward to meeting you in August! ☺

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