



## EXPECTATIONS FOR INCOMING THIRD GRADERS

*The following skills expectations for incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> graders should be considered as minimum expectations. It is recommended that all students continue to reinforce academic skills during the summer before entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, especially in the areas of reading, basic math facts, and writing skills.*

### READING

- Read fluently and with expression using grade appropriate material.
- Adequately comprehend written material (stated fact/opinion, identify problem, context clues, predict, inference, etc.)
- Apply phonetic rules when reading and spelling.
- Understand and apply basic spelling rules

### WRITING

- Write in complete sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation.
- Speak and write using correct grammar (nouns, verbs, verb tense, etc.)
- Be able to organize ideas into clear, complete sentences.
- Have basic understanding on how to elaborate (more details, adjectives, adverbs, etc.)
- Know three main parts of a paragraph.
- Understand that writing should be done in time order or a logical sequence of events.
- Correct pencil grip and writing posture.
- Correct formation of all upper and lower case letters when forming manuscript and cursive letters

### MATH

- Know addition and subtraction facts up to 18 by memory.
- Know how to add and subtract with regrouping.
- Have a basic understanding of place value through the hundreds place.
- Applies problem-solving strategies to solve word problems.
- Understands and uses symbols (+, -, <, >, =) correctly

### SCIENCE

- Have a basic understanding of the scientific method.
- Have a basic understanding of life science, earth science, and physical science.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

- Know basic foundation of geography, history, government, and economic skills

### RELIGION

- Knows Diocesan prayers.
- Understands and knows how to use a Rosary and recite it correctly.
- Genuflects correctly while making the Sign of the Cross .
- Receives Holy Communion correctly.
- Good role model at Mass—behavior, says responses, sings.

## **CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR**

- Be able to remain seated and focused during class time.
- Be able to participate in class discussions.
- Be able to work cooperatively in small groups or with a partner.
- Be held responsible for having their materials, homework, and work space ready for class each day.
- Be held responsible for completing all tasks on time.
- Be able to follow simple oral and written directions.
- Act in a respectful way toward adults and peers.
- Carries out all school related responsibilities independently and in the allotted time

## **HOMEWORK**

An average student will complete 30-45 minutes of homework each night. In addition, students are expected to read for 20 minutes each night.

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