

Welcome to 3B (Mrs. Brink's Third Grade)

Arrival and Departure- These procedures have been explained numerous times in Virtual videos and in emails. These may change throughout the year based on changes due to Covid.

Snacks- We love to snack!! (Even on half days!) Please pack a few small items each day along with a water bottle. Water fountains will remain off for the time being.

Lunch- Whereas we DO have a microwave in the classroom, we also have 14 people in the class eating at the same time. If you can heat something in the morning and put it in a thermos that would be helpful.

Bible verses- Hiding God's Word in our hearts will be our most important academic venture. I will send the verse of the week and catechism question and answer home in an email each Friday. There are two longer passages that we will be learning this year. Luke 2:4-16 and Exodus 20:1-17.

Spelling and Vocabulary words- The word list will be sent out each Friday in the Bible letter. The words and definitions may be found in the Wordly Wise book. The first week the students will focus on the meaning of the words. The second week we will focus on spelling. Tests will be given on Fridays.

Homework- Homework will normally be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please sign your child's planner after they have completed that day's work.

Reading- On nights when there is reading homework students will either be assigned specific pages to read and questions to answer, or they will be assigned a set amount of time to read. Please ask questions and discuss stories to strengthen comprehension skills.

Math- All math homework should be checked by a parent. Your child should be able to do math side B independently with perhaps a little guidance from an adult. If your child struggles with a particular concept, please leave me a note.

In addition to reading and math practice, students should review the weekly verse, catechisms and spelling or vocabulary words.

Please check the blue homework folder daily for occasional office notes. You may also send notes to me or to the office in the blue folder.

There is usually no homework on Wednesdays (to leave time for church attendance) or on Fridays (so you may enjoy the weekend).

Monday Folders and Class News

Each Monday, a white correspondence envelope will be sent home containing class work, parent information and other notes. Please keep the papers, but **sign, date and return the folders on Tuesday.**

Our class news is sent to your email each Friday in the Bible letter. Please read the Warrior Weekly for school reminders.

Birthdays- We love celebrating birthdays and do a few special things in the classroom to celebrate each child. If your child has a summer birthday we will celebrate in May. We do NOT celebrate with food in the classroom, and at this time, we cannot have visitors in the classroom. If you do choose to send party favors or party invitations please send one for each child (13). Thank you for your help with this.

Behavior Management - Students begin each day with their name on "Ready to learn" on our class behavior chart.

Honoring (blue) Special recognition for going above and beyond

Ready to learn (green)

Wasting learning time (yellow-warning)

Wasting learning time (orange- consequence)

Parents contact (red/ consequence/ office visit)

Names can be moved for doing things that would interfere with learning, interrupting repeatedly, disobeying, playing during learning/working time etc. Consequences will include meeting with the teacher to discuss the problem and solution as well as a loss of some recess time. Daily behavior will be charted and parents will be notified if that same behavior continues.

Polite-mites are given by "specials" teachers when students show honor and respect. The class turns these in to the office and works toward a whole school reward of a "No Homework Night."

NOTE-You may hear or read the following terms: The term "RENWEB" is synonymous with "FACTS SIS". This is a student information system set up for your child's grades, attendance, finances and other school communications. You should already have an account set up with your personal password.

I hope this is helpful in answering some of your questions. Please feel free to e-mail me or call if you have any questions. (If you need to call, early evening is the best time to reach me.) I look forward to meeting each one of you in person.

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