

SUBJECT: Classroom Rules

There are classroom rules that every child is expected to follow. These rules can be summarized with one word - RESPECT! All children are expected to respect themselves, each other, adults, and the materials/learning environment. If these simple rules are followed, your child will love coming to school and learning the third grade curriculum. We are sure that respect is already a rule in your home, so it should not be difficult to transfer this rule to school!

We are looking forward to teaching a group of enthusiastic, respectful learners.

SUBJECT: Homework Policy

Your child will have math, reading, and spelling homework every night. There will also be periodic science and social studies assignments. Long-term assignments (book reports and poetry presentations) are given in alternate months. Your child will receive an official North Chevy Chase Assignment Book. The Assignment Book system will help you more easily monitor what your child should be doing for homework. If you and your child carefully go through his/her assignment book each evening, there will be no "surprises" when

report card time rolls around at the end of each marking period. There may be occasional homework exceptions (religious holidays, state/county testing, etc.), but these exceptions will be rare. Further, on the evenings of PTA/school events (i.e., International Night, Technology Expo, etc.), the amount of homework **may be** reduced.

The homework that will be assigned has been designed to reinforce what your child is learning in class each day. If you ever have any questions as to what your child has for homework, ask to see his/her assignment book. *It is your child's responsibility to write down his/her assignments each day, and he/she should be bringing the assignment book to and from school every day.*

Third graders should be spending about 45 minutes each evening on homework. If it is taking your child a great deal longer than that to complete the homework, please contact your child's teacher. Please keep in mind that there is usually a period of adjustment that each child goes through after a long summer break. What may seem like a mountain of homework at first will quickly become a molehill-sized amount once your child understands the daily routine!

All students are expected to read for at least 20 minutes every night. If your child is exceptionally tired one night, you may read to your child. You may also opt to

double up reading time on another night. *Please initial the appropriate date on the calendar found at the start of each daily section of the Assignment Book to indicate that your child has completed the homework for that night.*

Over the school year, consistent daily reading will expose your child to various authors' styles, and will improve your child's fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. Please join with us in helping to create an environment where your child can enjoy books for a lifetime. Together we can build a community of readers.

SUBJECT: E-Mail ("Early Morning Activities Increase Learning")

Every morning, students will complete short warm-ups that contain capitalization, punctuation, and/or grammatical errors. Students make the necessary corrections and we then review and make corrections together. Students are responsible for correcting their own morning work. E-Mail practice reinforces grammar and spelling rules that are taught in class as well as building vocabulary. A quiz will be given every other Friday.