

WELCOME TO THIRD GRADE ;-)

My goals this year are to share my faith, help to build character and teach the curriculum and make learning fun.

A little about myself---I grew up in Peoria ,attended Holy Family and Bergan and earned my B.S.Ed. at Western Ill. University. Last year I celebrated my 40th year here at St. Joseph's. Helping to make children life-long learners is very important to me.

I would like to share some of the things we do in Third grade that may be different than previous years.

Spelling test—A pretest is given on Monday. If words are missed the child has the opportunity to practice them and then come to me and spell them orally for me. They do not have to take the entire test over . The grade will be given when they come to respell the incorrect words. They must bring their original test with them so I can see what words they missed. If not then they will retake the entire test. Generally we have all 20 words each week. The first week will only be the first 15 words. If we have a short week we will not do the last 5 challenge words.

Math—If a child gets a D or F on a Math assignment the child can redo it and return it to be rechecked and regraded. There is a folder in the classroom for these papers. I usually check the folder once a week and then the grade will be changed. I do this for Math because sometimes Math just doesn't click the first time around. Or the same mistake is made through out the assignment. Learning is our objective and maybe a second try is all that is needed.

Book reports—Each month a book report is required. The children are expected to read a chapter book on their level then complete the book report. There will be different forms for each month.

Homework—This is work not completed in class.It is very important that each child use the assignment notebook given to them to keep track of their assignments. Each morning I collect homework and go through it to see if all is turned in. If an assignment is not completed the child will need to finish it at recess time.A new policy for this year is if a paper is late 10% will be taken off of the grade each day it is late. After 5 days it is a zero. Spanish—Throughout the year I will be teaching a little Spanish to the children. It will be simple things and we will also learn to say the sign of the cross and the Glory Be in Spanish.

Plays—We will be doing the play Pecos Bill after the first semester. All are welcome to come and bring video cameras. ☺

We will also do another one at the end of the year. It is usually Paul Bunyan .

Field trips--- In May we go to Wildlife Prairie park.

I am very much looking forward to a new year.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to e-mail me or write a note.

Sincerely,

Miss Susan Weakley