

Third Grade News

October 2017

Dear Families:

It's hard to believe that the first month of our school year is already gone! We have been busy getting to know each other, discussing our rules and procedures, and getting used to our academic curriculum. I think it's safe to say that we're off to a great start, and I'm looking forward to the rest of the school year!

We begin each day with our Religious instruction, using our "Call to Faith" textbooks. After an overview of the Church year and other basic topics, we have begun our first unit on Revelation. We will talk about God's beautiful creation and our responsibilities for it, God's promise to us, and God's Word.

In Language Arts, we're working hard on our Daily 5, which involves Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, and Word Work. These five elements all come together to increase comprehension and fluency. We are also working on our English skills, such as reviewing parts of the sentence.

In Math, we're just finishing our first unit, which was largely a review of last year's skills. I'm excited to keep moving forward with new concepts such as more complex addition and subtraction skills along with Multiplication strategies.

We have new Social Studies and Science curriculums called “Studies Weekly.” You may have seen the newspaper-like lessons come home with your student. So far, I’m quite pleased with the format, as it makes it possible to more completely cover our state academic standards.

In Art, we have begun with contour drawing and crayon-resist watercolor painting, and we’ll move on to primary and secondary colors and other topics using our “Arts Attack” curriculum.

A reminder that conferences are right around the corner on October 16th and 17th; hopefully you’ve received your conference schedule that was sent home. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing the best ways we can work together to ensure the success of your child. See you then!

All the Best,

Mr. Chris Dahle