

homework

In 3rd grade, we see homework as having two main purposes. One is to solidify the concepts taught here at school by providing additional opportunities to practice them throughout the school-year. Secondly, we want students to establish 'good homework habits,' so that in future years, as homework increases, these routines are already in place. Listed below are the pieces that we use to accomplish our homework goals.

- **Math Homework (Common Core Review):** A Math Worksheet will be sent home Monday through Thursday and is expected to be brought back to school the following day. We will correct this together in class, the day it is brought back, so it is very important that it is returned on time. This sheet consists of approximately six questions, with some being multiple choice and some short answer. The questions revisit concepts that have already been taught and practiced, so should serve as a review. Most students are able to complete this sheet in 10 minutes or less.
- **Monthly Reading Calendar Log:** Each month, a calendar will be sent home to record daily reading minutes. Per month, we are hoping that students will read a minimum of 300 minutes. This breaks down to

approximately 15 minutes per weekday night (or an hour and 15 minutes per week). We understand that family schedules are crazy and vary from day to day. Therefore, we are setting a monthly goal rather than nightly goal to accommodate everyone's busy schedules. Those students that meet this goal of 300 minutes will get to participate in a "mystery reward" at the end of that month.

- **Math Facts practice:** By the end of third grades it is expected that students have all additions, subtractions, and multiplication facts mastered/memorized. Although we do spend time practicing these at school, many students need extra practice at home, too! We are not requiring a Math Practice Calendar Log this year, at this time. We have found that fact memorization comes very quickly for some, while it takes much more practice for others. For this reason, it is difficult for us to require a certain number of minutes for students. Each week, students will be taking a math facts check-up test. It is our goal for students to improve with each test. Routine practice of facts at home will help students meet this goal. If we are noticing that a student is not making adequate improvements each week, we may set up a Math Practice Log with individual students/families to document that practice is taking place.

Note: Watch for purple! Homework will always be printed on purple paper.

