



# Handbook 2025-2026

# Welcome to Third Grade!

In this handbook, you will find my classroom policies as well as some important dates for you to remember. If you have any questions, please let me know. I am looking forward to a great year, and I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for us!

## Policies & Procedures

- **Discipline/Classroom Management:** Students will be expected to follow classroom expectations. They may have to walk laps during recess if expectations are not followed. Students will be able to earn class parties for hard work and treating each other as they would want to be treated.
- **GroupMe:** WOCS will be using the mobile app “GroupMe” to communicate with each of you throughout the year. I will post pictures of what we’re doing in class as well as send updates and reminders for you. Please use this app’s private messaging to ask any questions. All questions relating to the whole class may be asked in the group discussion.
- **FACTS:** Please make sure you are signed up to have access to your child’s account, so you don’t miss anything. This is also the platform we will use if we must move to virtual learning.
- **Homework:** Each student will be expected to review their multiplication flashcards 2 times every weeknight except Wednesday until they are all mastered. Spelling Words, multiplication, and reading will be the only regularly assigned work to be done at home.
- **Braum’s Book Buddy:** Book Buddy starts in October and goes through March. Each student will be ***required*** to read 250 pages per month (except short months). I like to start it in August so the students are in

the habit of doing it. **Braum's Book Buddy will be for a grade.** The grades will be determined based on how many pages are read up to 250 and if they are turned in on time. Each student that reads the entire amount and turns in their sheet on time each month will receive the monthly reward.

- **Library:** I have a small but growing library in my classroom. The students are welcome to check out one book at a time. Please make sure they are all returned. We will be going to the Weatherford Public Library once a month to check out 2 books. You will need to sign the form to get them a library card for their own.
- **Communication:** All school-related communications are to be through GroupMe. You are welcome to message me anytime, but I will be able to return answers to questions Monday- Friday 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. If it is an emergency, please let me know.
- **Class Descriptions, Tests, and Quizzes:** All tests and quizzes will be announced in class ahead of time and will also be included in my note for the week.
  - **Spelling:** We will start a new list every Thursday, they can write their words 3 times each for 5 bonus points. I will send a paper list home every Thursday to test Wednesday. Each week has four pages in their work text. It will be due on Tuesday before we take the test Wednesday. That means that if they do not get these pages done during school hours it will be homework on Tuesday.
  - **Math:** There will be a math assignment daily. I will do my best to give them enough time to finish in class. If they do not finish, it will be homework. Third Grade students will also need to practice their flashcards on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Record this with a star in the BLUE Daily Take Home Folder calendar each night. This is imperative for them to learn this year. Please help us with this process. There will be a test or quiz each week in math. Some items that are “larger questions” may be graded as  $-\frac{1}{2}$  if only part of the problem is incorrect.

- o **Language:** Students will be completing daily language assignments. The curriculum does a review page the day before the test.
  
- o **Reading:** Braum's Book Buddy is a part of the students' reading grade. Each 9 weeks there will be a book report. Students will read in class every day. Please record the number of pages read each day or when a book is finished (my preference) in the Daily take home folder.
  
- o **Social Studies:** Students will have a test for each chapter. It will be announced in class several days ahead of time. You will get an End of the Chapter Review page to review a day before the test.
  
- o **Science:** Students will have a test for each chapter. The last study guides will always be the main review. Students will also complete hands-on projects throughout the year. If it is to be homework, I will send more information when that time comes.
  
- o **Bible:** An oral verse test will be the first week of each unit, but a written test will be the second week of each unit. Their memory verse for each week will be in their Zippered Pouch in their Daily Take Home Folder.
  
- **Redos:** Students will redo assignments with a grade 69% and below. However, they will only receive 50% credit for the corrected questions. "Redos" are due the following Friday.
  
- **Grading:** The students will be grading/correcting some of their own papers this year. These assignments will not receive a grade. They will have a red star at the top of the page to indicate one of these papers.
  
- **Field Trips:** We will take at least one field trip each nine weeks. I would like to be able to go to Alabaster Caverns, CBA, and the State Capital along with the school field trip to the Old Caldwell Trails.

- **Class Parties:** You will have the opportunity to sign up to help with one or more of the class parties at the first Parent/Teacher Conference.
  - Christmas Party: December 19, 2025
  - God's Love Party: February 13, 2026
  - Resurrection Party: April 2, 2026
  
- **Birthday Parties:** Each student will be prayed over and sung to in Chapel on their birthday. You may also bring treats for the class if you would like. I will get in touch with you to arrange a day and time. If your child has a summer birthday, we will pick a day that works for everyone.

\*\*Please note that all of the above is subject to change at the teacher's discretion. However, if something changes, I will let you know in a note. Thank you for all your support. I am looking forward to a great year! \*\*

#### **2025-2026 Schedule**

<b>8:20 – 8:35</b>	<b>Chapel/Devotion</b>
<b>8:35 - 9:00</b>	<b>Handwriting/Creative Writing</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:25</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Language/Read Aloud</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:20</b>	<b>Recess</b>
<b>10:20 – 10:35</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:00-12:20</b>	<b>Recess</b>
<b>12:20 – 1:00</b>	<b>Music/PE</b>
<b>1:00 – 1:30</b>	<b>History/Science Every other week (ART on Fridays)</b>
<b>1:30 – 2:00</b>	<b>Bible/Recess</b>

**2:00 – 2:30**

**Spelling**

**2:30 – 3:00**

**Catch-up Work/Free Time**