

3rd Grade Handbook

2025-2026

The Adventure to Third Grade begins here!

Ready, set, let's go!

Welcome to third Grade!



Dear Parents,

I am honored and blessed to be your child's third-grade teacher. Teaching is my passion, and I cannot wait to partner with you in making this a year full of fun, learning, and adventures. Together, we will grow academically and spiritually, trusting God's plan for our class.

We are all human and make mistakes. I will be the first to admit that even on my best day I am a sinner in need of grace. The best gift God gives us is His grace! Please extend that same grace to yourself, your student, and to me. One of our class's sayings is:

"If you can't make a mistake, you can't make anything. Mistakes are proof you are trying."

Please also remember what I call the **Mrs. Miller Rule** from Matthew 18:15: if you have a concern involving our classroom, please come directly to me first. It prevents confusion and helps us keep communication clear.

I truly believe that your child will thrive when we work as a team. This handbook outlines my classroom policies, grading, behavior expectations, and important dates. Please read it carefully and return the last page signed by you and your child.

I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this year. Let the adventure of moving mountains begin!

Serving Christ Together,

Mrs. Danyal Walters

Communication

- **Email:** dwalters@wocs.org
- **Phone/Voicemail:** Call the school and leave a message. I will return calls as soon as possible.
- **GroupMe:** Used for reminders, updates, and photos throughout the year. Also used if we must transition to virtual learning.
- **Facts:** Our grading and assignment platform. Check regularly for updates, lesson plans, and missed work. This is where you find out if your child is missing any assignments and what their grades are in our class.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

If it's urgent, please let me know. For general questions, sometimes another parent may also be able to help (study guides, spelling words, etc.).

Classroom Policies & Procedures

1. Classroom Economy

- Students are assigned jobs each week.
- They earn money for behavior, grades, participation, and responsibilities.
- Students pay **rent** for their desk, chair, and locker.
- Class store: weekly until Christmas, monthly after.
- Poor behavior may result in fines(consequence), but students can earn money back (grace).

2. Homework

- Assigned for unfinished classwork.
- Bonus work may be given occasionally.
- Parents should help students study for quizzes and tests.

3. Reading Program (“Walters’ Reading”)

- **Requirement:** 250 pages per month. **(THIS IS A REQUIRED READING GRADE)**
- **Due:** The 1st of the following month.
- **Grading:** Every 25 pages = 10 points (up to 100). Late = –10 points/day.
- **Rewards:**
 - Monthly reward for completing on time.
 - End-of-year party with Mrs. W. for students who complete every month.
 - Biggest reader of the year wins a grand prize!

4. Redo’s

- Assignments below 70% may be corrected for 50% credit on corrected answers. Please follow the Redo paper in your student’s take home binder.
- Redo’s go home in Tuesday folders and are due Friday of that week.

5. Tests & Quizzes

- All tests/quizzes announced ahead of time.
 - Included in the **Tuesday Note** each week.
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Subject Information

- **Spelling:**
 - New list every Monday.
 - Written your spelling words in cursive 5 times 3 in print and 2 in cursive then your sentences twice. Your parent’s initials on the top right of notebook paper following the label method is required.
 - Workbook pages due Friday; unfinished = Thursday homework.
- **Math:**
 - Daily assignments.
 - Flashcards required M/T/Th/F (–1 point each missed day; goes towards your test grade).

- Weekly quiz or test; bonus opportunities included.
 - **Language:**
 - Daily assignments.
 - Review page day before test—check weekly papers for study material.
 - **Reading:**
 - Daily independent reading (15 min after lunch).
 - Walters’ Reading Program is part of grade.
 - Quarterly book reports.
 - **History:**
 - Chapter tests and quizzes announced in advance.
 - Mid- and end-of-chapter reviews sent home.
 - Oklahoma history begins in January (binder with weekly assignments).
 - **Science:**
 - Chapter tests and quizzes announced in advance.
 - Mid- and end-of-chapter reviews sent home.
 - Hands-on projects announced throughout year.
 - **Bible:**
 - Weekly memory verse (written in cursive 5 times 3 in print and 2 in cursive with parent’s initials on the top right of notebook paper following the label method).
 - Fill in the blank verse test weekly.
 - Written unit test every other week with study guide.
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Special Events

- **Field Trips** (at least one per quarter):
 - Alabaster Caverns – September

- State Capitol & Oklahoma Historical Society –
 - CBA Third Grade Trip –
 - Oklahoma Land Run experience (TBA)
 - Possibly another Oklahoma theme field trip in the spring
 - **Class Parties**
 - Christmas Party – Fri., Dec. 19, 2025
 - God's Love Party – Fri., Feb. 13, 2026
 - Resurrection Party – Thurs., Apr. 2, 2026
 - **Birthdays**
 - Students receive a chapel blessing on their birthday.
 - Parents may bring/send treats.
 - Summer birthdays will be celebrated on a day that works best for you and myself.
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Classroom Values











- We live by grace and truth.
 - Mistakes are part of learning.
 - Clear, respectful communication builds trust.
 - God is good all the time... and all the time, God is good!
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****Please note that all 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. ****

Classroom Economy

Students will be taking part in our Classroom Economy. Students will be assigned a job each week. Each student will have the opportunity to be assigned each job at some point throughout the year. They will also have be able to earn bonuses and shop in the class store. Students will have their own money bag for their money. They will be responsible for money. We have a classroom store that they will be able to "shop" at once a week. Then after Christmas we will go once a month. Each student can earn money for behavior, participation, grades, and other things. If a student is not displaying Christ like behavior (good behavior), then I have the choice as the "banker" to take away money(consequence). Each student could earn their money back each day (grace). Each student will have a job in third grade. As they earn their money for "working" they will get to go shopping at the beginning of each month. Each student will have to pay rent at the beginning of the month. They will rent their desk, chair, and locker.

Student Income:

-  Get a compliment from another teacher - \$10
-  Go above and beyond in showing kindness - \$15
-  Earn an A on a test - \$10
-  Earn an A on a quiz - \$5
-  Earn 100% on a test - \$15
-  Work completed - based on grade
-  Desk check and clean- \$10
-  Participation- \$1-\$20
-  Planner/math flash cards signed \$1 a day
-  Teacher may distribute money for anything the teachers deem reasonable.

Student Expenses/Fines

-  Desk rent- \$50
-  Chair rent- \$ 25
-  Locker rent- \$ 50
-  Dishonesty - \$20
-  Rudeness - \$5
-  Complaining - \$5
-  Messy desk or locker - \$5
-  Missing work - \$5
-  Off-task behavior - \$5
-  No name on paper - \$5
-  Teacher may also take away money if students are not doing what is asked of them or for anything else the teacher deem reasonable.

School Store/ Grocery Store:

We will have a grocery store stop at Walters' Grocery twice a day. Your child has the option to participate in this or not.

Students can participate in the class store at the beginning of each month. Students can choose not to participate in store if they wish to save their remaining money. They can buy store items or classroom passes.

Classroom Passes:

- Bring a snack from home and eat it at anytime - \$25
- Play a center by yourself after completed assignment- \$25
- Bring gum from home and eat it in class - \$25
- 5 Problems off any assignment (not test or quiz) - \$25
- Choose your own partner for a day - \$25
- Choose who you sit by for the day - \$25
- Pet/hat pass - \$25
- Sit by your friends at lunch - \$25
- Teacher Provided POP pass - \$50
- Play a game with a friend after current assignment is finished - \$50
- 10 Problems off any assignment (not test or quiz) - \$50

How to do "redo" an assignment...

1. Number a blank page of notebook paper corresponding to problems missed on the assignment
2. Redo assignment putting correct answers on the correct numbers on the notebook paper
3. Label paper "redo" at the top
4. Staple to the original assignment
5. Turn in before the next Tuesday folder comes out

Name
Date
Subject
How to write your memory verse, spelling words, or Redo's
LIST # or John 3:16
Spelling words- Start numbering each line 1-20 and write your words 5 times.
Memory Verse - write the reference on the top line then write your verse five times, please skip lines in between writing them.
Redo's you will staple the original paper to your notebook paper, number your notebook paper with each problem you are redoing by rewriting the problem and answering it correctly.

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Thank you for all your support. **

Please sign and return only this page.

Mrs. Walters, we have gone over each section in your third-grade syllabus. If we have questions or concerns, we will communicate with you as a team to come up with the best solution possible. We are excited for the journey God has put us on. We look forward to an amazing year!

I am looking forward to the best year with you and your family!

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Signature: _____