



Welcome to Village Elementary School's

Third Grade Parent Orientation

Leadership Team Representatives

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Mrs. Karen Damato, General Education Teacher

Ms. Jennifer Snyder, General Education Teacher

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Mrs. Lynn Carro, Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Jolene Schantz, 3rd Grade School Counselor

Mrs. Lauren Fornal, 4th Grade School Counselor

Mrs. Patti Cizin, School Nurse

Mrs. Meghan Knapp, School Psychologist and Case Manager



Montgomery Elementary School (MES) PTA

- ▶ Presidents
 - Mrs. Janice Huang
 - Mrs. Ashley Friedman
- ▶ Transition Activities
- ▶ PTA Events
- ▶ Ways to Get Involved





Student Orientation Visit

Slide Show



Academic Program

- ▶ Language Arts
 - Reading
 - Writing
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Social Studies



K-4 Language Arts Instructional Model

- Readers' and Writer's Workshop

- Whole Class Mini-Lessons
 - Small Group Work
 - Individual Conferences
 - Student Partnerships
 - Independent Reading and Writing
 - Book Clubs
- Interactive Read Alouds
 - Word Work (Developmental Spelling Groups)



Third Grade Reading

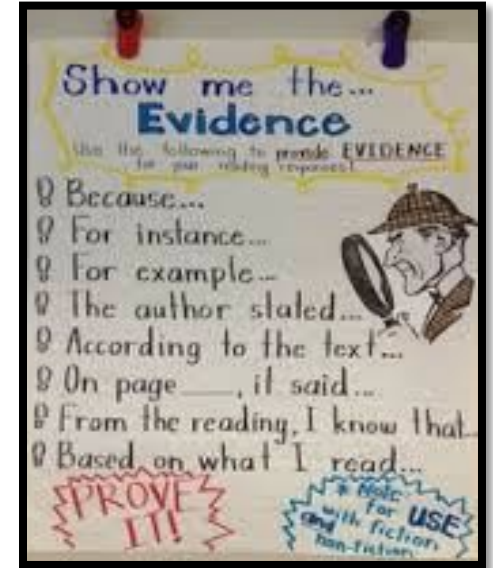
Teachers College Workshop Model

- Balance of fiction, informational and foundational skills/strategies
- Focus on text evidence



Grade 3 Units of Study

- Building a Reading Life
- Reading to Learn: Grasping Main Ideas and Text Structures
- Character Studies
- Research Clubs: Elephants, Penguins and Frogs, Oh My!
- Biography Clubs
- Little Things Are Big (Poetry)



Third Grade Writing

Teachers College Workshop Model

- Balance of Information, Narrative and Opinion Writing



Grade 3 Units of Study

- Crafting True Stories (narrative)
- The Art of Information Writing
- Baby Literary Essays (opinion writing)
- Changing the World (opinion writing)
- Once Upon a Time (Fairy Tales – narrative writing)
- Poetry

Social Studies

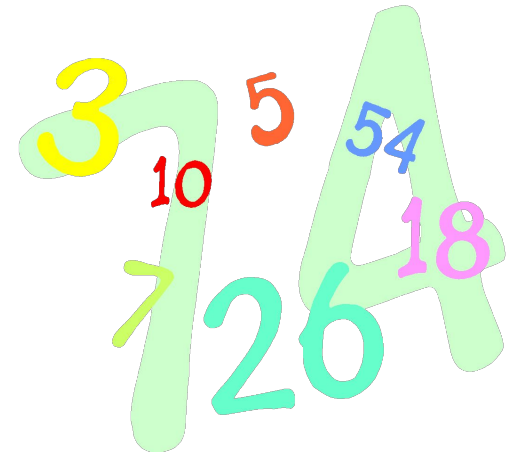
Third Grade Topics:



- Montgomery History
 - How does a local community develop and change over time?
- Historical landmarks and significant individuals in New Jersey
 - Lenape Native Americans
- Map Skills (keys and symbols)

Mathematics Content

Third Grade Focus Standards:



- Multiplication
- Fact Fluency: all multiplication facts, products to 100
- Area of rectangular figures
- Word Problems: 4 operations; whole number and measurement contexts; one step and multistep

Mathematics Instruction

K-4 Workshop Model

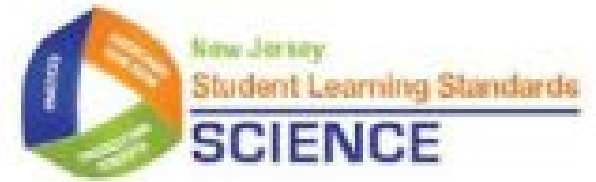
- Whole Class Lessons
- Small Group Differentiation
- Independent Practice
- Games and Routines



What's New in Third Grade...

- Increase in Non-Routine Problem Solving
- More Independence in Modeling

Science



What's New in Third Grade...

- Transition to NJSLS-S (Next Generation Science Standards)
- Added engineering focus and questioning natural phenomena
- Productive Talk in Science
- Mystery Science

Third Grade NJSLS-S Units:

- Weather and Climate
- Living Things: How do they survive?
- Forces and Interactions



Related Arts Classes

- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Physical Education & Health
- ▶ Library/Media Center
- ▶ Technology/Computers
- ▶ Art



Character Education

- ▶ Pillars of Character
- ▶ Character Education Thoughts of the Day
- ▶ Responsive Classroom
- ▶ Service Projects



Standardized Assessments

- ▶ PARCC – The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
- ▶ NJASK – New Jersey Assessment for Skills and Knowledge – 4th Grade Science Only
- ▶ MAP – Measures of Academic Progress



Placement Process

- ▶ OHES Places Students in Heterogeneous Groupings
- ▶ Considerations
 - Academic Needs
 - Social and Emotional Needs
 - Parent Input



School Counseling



▶ Transition Support

- Articulation
- Placement Input
- Meet & Greet Counselor Lessons at VES

▶ Counseling Programs

- *Steps to Respect*
- Individual Short-term Counseling
- Guidance Groups

Health Office

- ▶ Health Management & Communication
- ▶ Food Allergies

Mrs. Patti Cizin, School Nurse

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4th Grade Co-Curricular Opportunities

- ▶ Band
- ▶ Orchestra
- ▶ Chorus
- ▶ Peer Partners
- ▶ VES Morning News
- ▶ Safety Patrol
- ▶ Bluebird Buddies



Community Connections

- ▶ Y Before and After School Programs
- ▶ Chinese School
- ▶ Sunflower School
- ▶ Montgomery Recreation Classes
- ▶ Girl Scouts
- ▶ Boy Scouts



Upcoming Events

- ▶ Open House – August 30th, 8:30–12:00
- ▶ First Day of School – September 7th
- ▶ Back to School Nights
 - ▶ September 27th – 3rd Grade
 - ▶ September 28th – 4th Grade



Self-Guided Tours & Classroom Visits



