



Well, here we are, three weeks into the school year. Some are still settling in while others are back into the swing of things. Third grade is a big adjustment. Please be patient as your child learns the ropes. I typically give about three weeks to get the hang of expectations, rules, procedures, etc. After that, I get into more emphasis on details like neatness, headings, quality of work, etc. Please continue at home to make sure that all work is their best.

Monthly newsletters are meant to keep parents posted on upcoming skills as well as activities. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to ask!

**Reading –**

Main Idea and Supporting Detail  
Cause and Effect

**Grammar –**

Questions vs. Statements  
Commands vs. Exclamations

**Phonics –**

Word Study  
In addition:  
Long e  
Long and Short a  
Long i

**Math –**

Place Value  
Comparing numbers  
Ordering numbers  
Adding

**Science –**

Matter  
Energy/Force  
Simple Machines

**Social Studies –**

Map skills (ask Mrs. Mawdsley for future concept if you'd like to know)

**Upcoming events in the classroom for September and early October: (Please help by keeping all secrets a secret!!!!)**

- ✓ Back to School night – September 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30
- ✓ Fiesta! – Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> (For Ortman and Mawdsley Language Arts students only)
- ✓ Reader's Theater practices and presentations (For Ortman Language Arts students only) the week of Sept. 21-25
- ✓ Rockets – Tuesday or Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (??) possibly Friday (\*Secret activity)
- ✓ Basketball Free-throw-shooting contest – Friday, October 2nd (Time TBD) (\*Secret activity)
- ✓ Oobleck – Early October – somewhere around the 6<sup>th</sup>