



Mrs. Getka's 3rd-4th Grade

Opportunities for Growth

In the third and fourth grade classroom students begin to work more independently. Technology is integrated regularly into nearly all subject areas. Students begin to learn about and use Google accounts, create Google docs, and create their own Google Slides to present to their classmates. Students find phonics classes helpful as new vocabulary appears in literature texts, science, and social studies. Opportunities for

sports begin for students as they are able to participate in Cross Country, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, and Cheerleading.



CLASSROOM FEATURES

1:1 Chromebooks

Leveled readers

Accelerated Reader

GREAT FRIENDS

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Classroom Talking Points

Assignment Journal – At the end of each day your child should check to make sure all assignments are written down in their assignment journal and circle any unfinished work to go home. Please talk with your child about school each night so that you are aware of the material we are covering in school and to check for completion. Your involvement positively impacts their achievement. Assignments are collected at the beginning of the day and a treasure box waits for students once they receive their 20th sticker for not having late works each day.

School Supplies – Please purchase **only** the supplies on the list. Please do not allow your child to bring any unnecessary materials. (i.e. pencil grips, toys, electronics, etc.) If they are found they will be confiscated and returned to the parent.

Take-Home Folder/Newsletter – Every Tuesday your child will bring home their “Pony Express” Take-Home folder. Our classroom weekly newsletter will be emailed home each Tuesday to communicate what is going on in the classroom each week.

Chromebooks – Access to Science Studies Weekly, Social Studies Studies Weekly, Journeys Literature Units will be accessible online this year. Google accounts, Gmail, and other online supplements and practice will also be used. Resources that we access only need an internet browser, so even if you did not purchase a Chromebook for your child to take home, they can still get to everything they need with any computer.

Lunches/Snacks – No candy or soda pop, please. NO PEANUTS! If you would like your child to use the microwave at lunch, it should be something that can be warmed up in less than 2 minutes (e.g. leftovers) rather than something that should be cooked for a long time (e.g. frozen dinners or easy mac). This will ensure that all students to have time to warm up food and eat before recess. **Please provide any plates, silverware, etc. that your child will need.**

Routines/Rules/Discipline – Students will be taught expectations and routines in the first weeks. Opportunities for positive reinforcement are given. Students are given four colored cards to put on the board if they are not following the rules and routines. The first card is a warning. The second card loses five minutes of recess time. The third card loses ½ of a recess. The fourth card loses a whole recess. At this point, the student sits down with the teacher to fill out an action plan form. This allows the student to talk about what they are doing wrong, why this is happening, and how they can change. The motivation for change is out of thankfulness to our Savior for dying on the cross to save us and washing away our sins. This form is then shared with the parents.

Homework Amount and Suggestions – Most homework by the student should be able to be completed independently by the student during school hours at school. There are times when homework will come home, but as the student is faithful in working on assignments at school, there should be little to take home each evening. Memory work is assigned three days a week and is usually memorized and reviewed at home. This allows parents to speak with their child about God’s Word and how it applies to our lives.

Communication - If you have concerns about your child’s education, please feel free to speak with me. Most days I will be at school until 4 pm. I am also available by email naomg@faithtacoma.com . Please read our weekly class news that will be emailed out and our whole-school *Falcon Flash*. Please also utilize our online gradebook **TADS Educate**. One portal will lead you to all things school now. Instructions to access the parent portal will come in the first week.