

# Third Grade Open House

Mrs. Balla's  
Blustorous  
Blasters



WELCOME

FRIENDS

# Reading

- ❑ All reading tests must be signed and returned to school to be filed.
- ❑ All reading tests will be collected and kept in your child's folder for conferences. Please return all "sign and return" papers by Thursday.
- ❑ Cold Read Strategies (UNRAVEL): Students are required to use the strategies that are taught in class.
- ❑ Students should be reading nightly at their level.

# Spelling

- Tested on words on Friday.
- Lists are located on-line and in the agenda on a weekly basis.
- Vocabulary Spelling City is a game-based educational website and mobile app used by students to build vocabulary, writing, spelling, and language arts skills

<http://www.spellingcity.com/>



# What is a Cold Read?

- ❑ Cold reading is reading from a text with no practice or study in advance. Sometimes also referred to as sight reading.
- ❑ Every week, students will complete a Cold Read practice that reinforces a skill they are learning in a Small Group with me.
- ❑ Every Friday students will have a Cold Read test to assess the comprehension and vocabulary skills they have learned through the week. These tests make up 50% of the student's grade.

# Accelerated Reader

Each student has a sheet to track their AR goal for each 9 weeks.

The paper will explain % comprehension (must have 80% comprehension), how many points they have earned, and how close they are to their goal.

Please sign and return every week.

Every student has a different AR goal and should be working toward this goal every day.

They have ample time in class to read but should be reading nightly as well.

# Math

- Go Math! Lessons Monday - Thursday with homework each night. Think Central can be used for support & interventions.
- Math facts are very important. Children should know addition and subtraction. They will know multiplication and division by the end of the year.
- Children will have fact practice along with their regular math homework every night.

# Science and Social Studies

- Rotate after every chapter.
- Spend 4 ½ weeks on each subject.
- Think Central also has Science materials online.
- Pearson has Social Studies text online.

# TEST

- All papers that will be receiving a grade will be sent home on Monday.
- Please sign and return anything on the sign and return side and/or that has a stamp on it.
- All reading tests will be collected and kept in your child's folder for conferences. Please return all "sign and return" papers by Thursday.



# Homework

- Homework assignments will be checked daily. It is vital that students complete and turn in all homework on the due date so I can make judgments on the students' grasp of the content area.
- Incomplete, careless, or sloppy homework will result in a grade reduction.
- Missing homework assignments could result in not earning a monthly citizenship award.
- To receive credit for missed work due to an absence, a student must turn in assignments upon returning to school within the number of days missed plus one.
- Note: Any assignment that has a previously determined due date, that due date must be observed.

# Discipline Policy

- Clip Chart: Your child's behavior number will be recorded daily in their agenda. Please refer to the discipline policy you received earlier in the year.
- Three or more clip downs to 3, 2, or 1 in any given month will result in not receiving that month's citizenship award.
- In addition to behavior, students must also follow the dress code and turn in all homework to receive monthly citizenship awards.
- Conduct grades are a reflection of behavior only.

# Earning Citizenship

- Citizenship is determined by your child's behavior, procedures (green), homework (yellow), and wearing proper uniform (blue).
- When an infraction occurs the child does not follow a procedure. Example: Raising their hand to speak or not wearing their belt.
- To earn citizenship students must have at least one of each color left. If any color is missing, the child does not earn citizenship. Such as: If they did not turn in their homework 3 times during the 9 weeks they would not earn citizenship.

# Field Trips

- We will schedule 2 field trips this year. Permission slips and requests for fees will be sent home prior to each trip.
- Drawing for chaperones: We are limited in the number of chaperones that can attend our field trips. If you are interested in being part of the drawing, a completed volunteer application and a copy of your drivers license must be submitted by the date the field trip letter states.

# Miscellaneous

- ✓ **Conferences:** We are required to have 1 conference a year. I will be sending home a letter asking what days and times are best for you. I will use the information to schedule our conference.
- ✓ **Snacks:** Students may bring in a healthy mid-morning snack. Students may also bring in a special treat to help celebrate their birthday; however, time does not allow for a party.
- ✓ **Founders Day:** A sign-up sheet is by the door 😊!
- ✓ **Box Tops:** Our class is collecting Box Tops for Education and could really use your support.



# Schedule

- PE: Daily 12:25pm-12:55pm
- Lunch: 11:42am-12:07pm in Cafeteria #1
- Monday: EZ Tech 8am-8:45am
- Tuesday: Computer Lab (SM)  
9:00am-9:45am
- Wednesday: Spanish/Music 9am-9:55am
- Thursday: Art 9am-9:55am
- Friday: Spanish/Music 9am-9:55am

# Any Questions?

ThinkCentral (Math & Science)

[www.thinkcentral.com](http://www.thinkcentral.com)

McGraw-Hill (Reading)

<http://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/connected/login.do>

The Villages Charter School Homepage

[www.tvcs.org](http://www.tvcs.org)

