

WELCOME TO 3RD GRADE!

If you only believe half of what your child tells you about school, we'll only believe half of what they tell us about home.



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A BIT ABOUT MRS. WILSON

- ILLINOIS, IRAN, NORWAY, TEXAS, COLORADO
- BAYLOR, CU
- HUSBAND, 2 STEPKIDS, GRANDSON
- READ, FLY, CAMP, CROCHET

CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

WHERE DID YOU
CHOOSE TO SIT THIS
EVENING?
WHY?



UNIVERSITY
PARK

STUDENT CHOICE TO PERSONALIZE LEARNING.

TECHNOLOGY IN 3RD GRADE

- **WE HAVE A PROMETHEAN BOARD**
 - **INTERACTIVE TO INCREASE ENGAGEMENT.**
- **EACH STUDENT HAS A CHROMEBOOK ASSIGNED TO HIM/HER**
 - **MORE REAL WORLD RESEARCHING AND PUBLISHING.**
 - **KEYBOARDING PRACTICE WILL HELP A LOT WITH PUBLISHING AND TESTING.**

Weekly Schedule

9:00 – 10:45 MATH

10:45 – 2:10 READING (WITH INTEGRATED CONTENT)

2:10 – 3:45 WRITING (WITH INTEGRATED CONTENT)

11:40 – 12:25 Lunch and Recess

12:40 – 1:20 Specials (M: Gym, T: Library, W: Gym,
Th: Music/Drama, F: Art)

9:45 – 10:25 Extra Special (F: Music/Drama)

Curriculum

TRIMESTER 1:

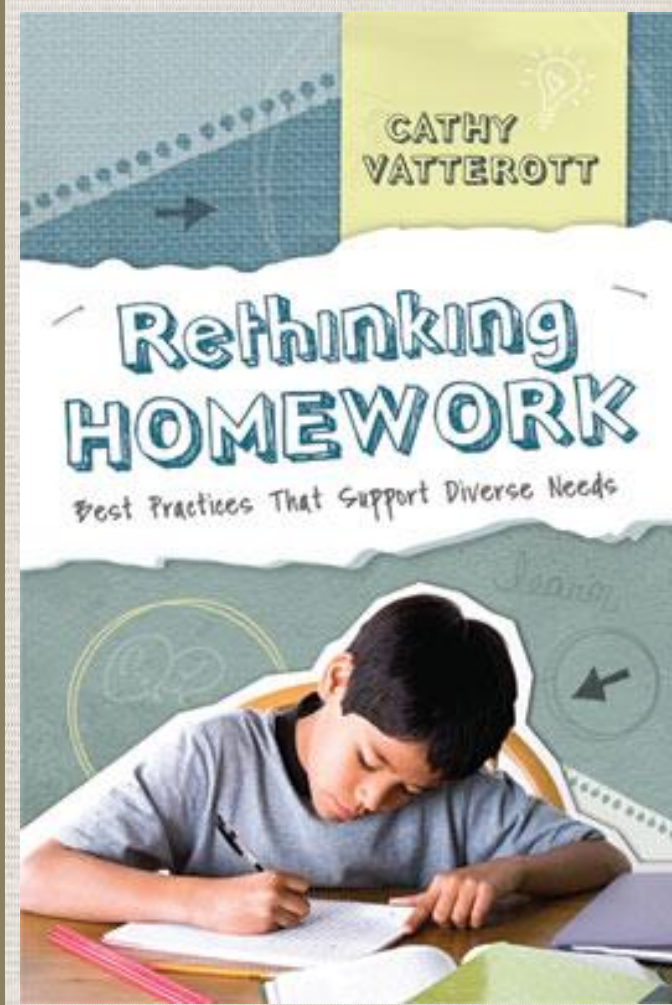
LANG ARTS: NARRATIVE
MATH: MULTIPLICATION, TIME/MEASUREMENT
CONTENT: ELECTRICITY, NE REGIONS OF U.S.

TRIMESTER 2:

LANG ARTS: RESEARCH, FICTION
MATH: MULTIPLICATION, AREA, FRACTIONS
CONTENT: OBJECTS IN THE SKY,
NE, SE, MW REGIONS OF U.S.

TRIMESTER 3:

LANG ARTS: FICTION, PERSUASIVE, POETRY
MATH: FRACTIONS, DATA, GEOMETRY
CONTENT: LIFE CYCLES, SW W REGIONS, GOVT,
FINANCIAL LITERACY



HOMework IN 3RD GRADE

NO BUSYWORK!!

MAIN HOMEWORK:

- 20 MINUTES (OR MORE) OF READING PER NIGHT
- CAN INCLUDE:
 - CHILD READING ALOUD TO ADULT
 - ADULT READING TO CHILD
 - AUDIO BOOKS
 - ANY COMBINATION!
- MAKE IT FUN!!!!

- MATH FACT WORK (5-10 MIN/NIGHT)
- CAN INCLUDE:
 - FLASH CARDS
 - ONLINE PRACTICE PROGRAMS
 - APPS
 - FACT TRIANGLES
- ADDITION, SUBTRACTION, MULTIPLICATION

"When I say to a parent,
"read to a child",
I don't want it to sound like medicine.
I want it to sound
like chocolate."

Mem Fox

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

OPTIONAL PROJECTS

CURIOSITY PROJECTS:

- 4 – 6 WEEK-LONG FAMILY PROJECTS
TOPIC OF CURIOSITY TO RESEARCH OVER TIME
AND PRESENT LEARNINGS TO CLASS.
- OPTIONAL. ENCOURAGE AT LEAST ONE THIS
YEAR. GUIDELINES COMING IN A FEW WEEKS
- *ONE MONTH A PROJECT SUGGESTION WILL BE A
SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT: SCIENCE FAIR IS
OPTIONAL FOR 3RD GRADE BUT GOOD PRACTICE
FOR 4TH AND 5TH! MORE INFO TO COME.*

TESTING!!!

- **PARCC, GIVEN IN SPRING IN MATH AND LITERACY**
 - **PARTNERSHIP TO ASSESS READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER**
 - **ALL ONLINE**
- **REMAIN POSITIVE!!!!!! FEAR AND DREAD DON'T HELP AT ALL!**
- **READ WITH YOUR CHILD,**
 - **QUESTION ABOUT THEIR READING.**
 - **CITING EVIDENCE**
 - **IF YOUR CHILD SAYS, "I THINK FRANK WAS BRAVE.", ASK, "CAN YOU SHOW ME TWO PLACES IN THE BOOK WHERE IT SAID SOMETHING THAT MADE YOU THINK HE WAS BRAVE?"**

SUPER IMPROVERS

- **STUDENTS COMPETE AGAINST THEMSELVES, NOT EACH OTHER. GROWTH MINDSET.**
- **IMPROVEMENT CAN BE IN ANY AREA FROM WALKING QUIETLY IN THE HALL TO MASTERING MATH FACTS.**
- **STUDENTS MOVE UP IN LEVELS AFTER 10 IMPROVEMENTS.**
- **FOCUSING ON THE POSITIVE AND ON SELF-MOTIVATION.**

MS. SULLIVAN

- **APPRENTICE TEACHER FOR THE 2015-2016 YEAR**
- **CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT DU TO RECEIVE HER MASTERS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**
- **PRACTICING PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, AND TEACHING UNDER MY ADVISEMENT.**
- **LEARNING, PHOTOGRAPHY, PAINTING, HIKING**

CONFERENCES

THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER

- IF I FEEL THE NEED FOR ONE BEFORE THEN, I WILL CONTACT YOU AND HOPE YOU WILL DO THE SAME.
- BEST CONTACT BY EMAIL.
JENNIFER_WILSON@DPSK12.ORG.
- MY TEACHING BREAKS ARE:
11:40 – 12:25, 12:40 – 1:20

REMEMBER, I CANNOT READ YOUR MIND! PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. DON'T WONDER, STEW, DOUBT, OR WORRY! WE CAN'T BE A TEAM FOR YOUR CHILD IF WE DON'T COMMUNICATE!

I CALL MY STUDENTS
"MY KIDS" BECAUSE
IN OUR YEAR TOGETHER
THEY AREN'T JUST KIDS
ON MY CLASS LIST,
THEY BECOME A PART
OF MY HEART.

#TEACHERCONFESSION

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**IT'S GONNA BE A GREAT
YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!**



Stay informed!! Watch for class newsletters sent via email on first and third Thursday and stored on the website!