

# WELCOME TO THIRD GRADE

2022-2023 DISCLOSURE PACKET – MRS. NIELSEN'S CLASS

I am very excited to be teaching third grade this year at Jordan Hills!! Third grade is a BIG learning year and also a lot of fun. Because we learn so much it is very important to have your child here and on time every day so that they don't miss anything (the learning and the fun).

## RULES

1. Be respectful to the teachers, classmates and our classroom.
2. Be kind to the teacher, classmates and ourselves.
3. Be responsible with your work.
4. Be safe by walking in the hallways and using materials wisely.
5. Do your best and have a "can do" attitude.

Students who follow our classroom rules will be rewarded for their positive actions through positive praise, classroom store, table points and clip ups. Students who choose not to follow our classroom rules will go through a hierarchy of consequences including reminders, Think Time, office referral, parent contact.

## COMMUNICATION

**Remind App:** Text @22nielsen to the number 81010 to join our class. This is my main source of communication with parents. Please sign up to receive messages about our class. Not only will I communicate with you through this app, but you can also use it to send private messages to me as well.

**Email:** Please feel free to email me at [kristen.nielsen@jordandistrict.org](mailto:kristen.nielsen@jordandistrict.org) and I will get back to you. I would love it if you would also provide me with your email address

so that on the occasion that I need to send you an email about your student's behavior or schoolwork I will be able to.

## HOMEWORK

**Weekly Homework Packet:** This will be sent home on Friday (or the last day of the week if we do not have school on a Friday) and is due on the following Friday. Each part of the packet will be incorporated into your child's grade and will need to be returned. Please make sure you sign the reading minutes in order for them to count towards your child's grade. The packet will consist of:

- Weekly newsletter
- Reading assignment of 20 minutes per night, 5 times a week
- Homework assignment check-off sheet
- Fluency practice page
- Vocabulary list to study for the test

**Daily Math Homework:** A daily math assignment reviewing the lesson we had at school will be sent home daily. I will send a message through the remind app telling you what homework sheet they have that night. The math homework should take between 10-15 and will reinforce the concept we learned that day. If you find it is taking longer than that please send me a message.

## ASSESSMENTS

We are going to be taking "quick quiz" assessments each week in the following subject areas:

- Spelling
- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Math lessons for the week

Other tests in the following subjects will happen at the end of our units and I will tell you through the remind app the dates for these tests as they are approaching.

- Math
- Science
- Reading
- Social Studies

## CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL DAYS

**Library:** Our class will visit the school library one day each week.

**Specials:** Each Mon.-Thur. our class will participate in one Specials class:

- Art
- STEM
- Computers/Golden Gate
- P.E./Music

**Star of the Week:** Every student will have an opportunity to be our Star of the Week. A blank 'Star of the Week' page will be sent home during the first few days of school. Please have your student *carefully* color, add decorations, and fill-in the information about himself/herself to share with the class. The Star of the Week page is an opportunity for your student to artistically express themselves and demonstrate what makes them unique. Each student's page will be displayed in our class for one week. Please return the completed Star of the Week page to school within the first week or two.

**Birthdays:** We will celebrate each student's birthday, as long as this does not conflict with a family's beliefs. If your child's birthday does not fall on a school day, we will arrange an alternate day to celebrate. \*Sending treats is *entirely optional*, and your student's birthday will be celebrated regardless. If you'd like to provide an edible treat for the class, it MUST BE store-bought and individually wrapped. Non-edible treats are also welcome, such as stickers, notebooks, bracelets, erasers, markers, pens, bubbles, jump ropes, sunglasses, etc. Please remember that nothing can resemble weapons.

**\*Please DO NOT send invitations for birthday parties to be passed out at school.**

**Parent volunteers:** We would love to have a Room Parent, and welcome parent volunteers in the classroom and at special class activities. I will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the class if you are interested.

**Classroom pictures:** During the year I like to take pictures of students engaged in classroom activities. I usually use these pictures to create an end-of-year class video for our Hollywood Day, and occasionally, I post a picture or two on our Remind.com app.

## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Children will be expected to go outside when the weather is reasonable. Please send your student dressed appropriately for the weather as it may turn cold or stormy during the day. Please send your student with a coat (your child does not have to wear it, but may need it), appropriate shoes/boots, gloves, hat, etc.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLASS DONATIONS

All of the school supplies that your student will need this year will be provided at school. If you'd like to purchase special school supplies for your student, please keep them at home to use for homework. Individual supplies that are brought to school will be sent back home.

Parents often ask if they can donate items to our classroom. Please know that donations are appreciated, but are completely voluntary. If you would like to donate, we can always use black or blue expo markers (thin or thick); glue sticks; small wrapped candies (Smarties, Dum-dums, Tootsie Rolls, Starburst, etc.); mini animal pencil erasers and other such small prizes for student incentives.

Again, please know that donations are appreciated, but are not expected. Thank you!

I am looking forward to working with you this year and helping your child grow. Thank you for all that you do in helping your children get excited for school, I know it's going to be a fantastic year!

Love,

Mrs. Nielsen