

Welcome to Third Grade!

It is going to be an exciting year filled with many learning experiences. Here are just a few of the things we will be working on this year.

In **Math** we continually work on basic addition and subtraction facts, sometimes having timed practices and tests using our Holey cards. We also work on place value, measurement, geometry, fractions, and, of course, multiplication. In addition, the third graders will again be using the website ALEKS to reinforce and enrich Math concepts.

In **Reading** we will read a favorite book, Ramona Quimby, Age 8, and we will work on several activities to help us learn how to analyze characters and plots. Also, we will be reading from our anthology which contains many wonderful stories in many genres, and I'm sure the students will enjoy the related reading and writing activities.

Social Studies this year focuses on different kinds of communities. Also, through various geography exercises, students will learn how to read maps and understand directions.

In **Religion** our series is called Faith First. We will discuss the mass, the sacraments, the Ten Commandments, and the marks of the church. We will also talk about how we can serve others.

Our **English** will consist of grammar and several different kinds of writing. Some examples of that writing are personal narratives, friendly letters, and descriptive stories. Students will also read several books independently and report on them.

In **Spelling** we will concentrate on different groupings of words each week and be tested on them. In addition, we will practice another set of words called wall words. These words, fourteen of them each month, will be commonly used words, and students will be tested on these as well.

We will post the yearly third grade photo time line. Students may bring pictures from their summer vacations which will be posted and displayed in the hallway. Each month we will add pictures of our various class and school activities and write about them as we progress through the school year.

Students will work on personal time capsules. The completed capsules will then be placed in a sealed box that will not be opened until the students reach the eighth grade in the year 2015. I'm sure it will be fun for them to look back on the year 2009.

This is only a glimpse of what we will be doing this year. I look forward to working with this wonderful class.