***“Turning Ideas Into Actions”* in third grade 2016-2017!**

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“We will become active contributing citizens by turning ideas into actions in the classroom, home, and community.”

**Welcome!** We would like to welcome each parent tonight. We are excited you could be here, and we are even more excited to be teaching your children! We are embarking on an educational partnership that includes each parent, student, and the North Star personnel. Working together, we will be able to better meet your child’s educational needs.

Thank you in advance for your support, which may or may not include volunteering in the classroom. We are always looking for volunteers to help in our classrooms, but donations are also greatly appreciated. We would like to thank all of you who have already donated time and supplies.

**Daily Schedule:** 8:30am – 9:00 am Morning Work/Cursive9:00 am – 10:00 am Math10:00 am – 10:30am Writing Workshop

10:30 am – 10:45am Recess

T Library with Spanbauer / TH Library with Thompson10:45 am – 12:25 pm Lang. Arts (CKLA skills, reading, spelling, grammar, and vocabulary)12:30pm – 1:10pm Lunch1:10 pm – 1:45 pm M/T/W/TH CKLA Listening & Learning

1:52pm – 2:52pm M/W/F History and Science 1:52pm-2:52pm T/TH computer, music, PE, and art

Mrs. Thompson has a bachelor’s of science degree in Elementary Education and an endorsement in ESL from Utah State University. This qualifies her to teach grades 1-8 as well as ESL. She holds a level 2 license and has 8 years teaching experience.

In 1999 Mrs. Spanbauer received a bachelor’s degree in English Literature, with an emphasis in young adult literature, from California State University, Long Beach. She went on to receive a teaching credential, and spent four years teaching fourth, fifth, and third grades in Southern California. Mrs. Spanbauer taught 4th grade in the Granite School District before she came to teach at NSA. This is her second year teaching 3rd grade at North Star Academy. She is currently a level one licensed k-8 teacher in the state of Utah.

Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Spanbauer are both strong advocates of continuing education, and have a passion for teaching students. They believe that inspiring and engaging students in their learning promotes lifelong learners who are well equipped for the world in front of them.

**End Statements include:**

Critical Thinking Academic Achievement Citizenship(These are a school wide focus)

**Communication:**

**Periodically:** We will use your email provided on ASPIRE to send you reminders throughout the year.

**Monthly:** Our webpage will be updated the last Thursday of each month and will include useful information of what is

happening in third grade.

**Weekly**: Every Friday your child will bring home his/her weekly work folder with completed work and notes inside. Please remove

contents and sign the outside.

**Weekly:** Grades are being updated each Friday via ASPIRE.

**You are also welcome to contact us with any questions or concerns:**

**Mrs. Thompson: kthompson@north-staracademy.com or 801-302-9579 ext. 111 Mrs. Spanbauer: mspanbauer@north-staracademy.com or 801-302-9579 ext. 110**

**3rd Grade Website: *thirdgradensa.weebly.com***

**Homework Expectations:**

The North Star Academy Handbook states that third graders should have between 20 – 45 minutes nightly. We adhere to this policy, and encourage students to complete class work during class time to avoid bringing additional homework home. Monthly projects, family reading assignments, and book reports will be known well in advance to help students use their time effectively.

The following can be expected nightly: \* Read 15 minutes nightly 5x a week \* Spelling homework

\* Review vocabulary \* Complete math assignment

**Grading Scale:** We follow the North Star Academy Elem. Grading scale that uses the numbers 1 thru 4.

4 = 90 – 100% 3 = 80 – 89% 2 = 70 – 79%

1 = 69% or below

Please note that students scoring 75% or lower on tests and assignments are encouraged to redo the assignment and resubmit it. Exceptions to this include standardized tests and multiple choice comprehension quizzes. This will allow students an opportunity to correct any misconceptions or computation errors and seek additional help if necessary.

**ASPIRE:**

We encourage you to show your child how to check their grades online via ASPIRE(computerized grading system). Grades are added almost daily, and kept current weekly. This system allows you to view your student’s grades online from home. To access ASPIRE, simply go to the NSA webpage ([www.north-staracademy.com](http://www.north-staracademy.com)), and click on the ASPIRE link, located in the parents section on the left hand side of the screen. You will then be asked for a user ID and password. The user ID is your child’s student number (same as lunch and library number). The password is something you can set by calling the office. After logging in, you will be able to view your child’s classes, grades, and any missing assignments. If you have any questions call the office at 801-302-9579.

**Curriculum:** Our curriculum has been carefully chosen to help meet the objectives of our state core, common core, and Core Knowledge curriculum as per our charter.\* *Math:* Saxon \* *Reading*: Guided Reading/ CKLA\**Writing*: 6 Traits/ CKLA \* *Cursive:* Zaner Bloser\* *Science/ History:*  Core Knowledge \**Spelling:* Words Their Way/Fry Words/CLKLA\* *Phonics*: Month by Month Phonics/Words Their Way/ CKLA*\* Shared Reading Novels*: Core Knowledge Listening and Learning; other selections

\**Character Education*: Leader in Me

**Late work:**

Although we believe students should be encouraged to be responsible and submit all assignments in on time, we also recognize everyone can have a less than perfect day. If an assignment is not turned in on time, the student must flip a color on their behavior chart. Assignments more than two days late may also have a deduction taken from their score. In the case of an excused absence, students should make up all missing work from the day they were gone. All assignments are an important part of your child’s learning, therefore should be treated as such.

**Additional Lab Support:**Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Spanbauer encourage students that need additional support,

re-teaching of content, and retaking tests to be done after school. Third grade lab will be held on Mondays for Math and/or Wednesday for Language Arts 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm.

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**School Supplies needed:**Textbook Cover for math book

1 ½ inch 3 ring binder

Earbud Headphones

Pencil bag to hold the following items:pencils 2 hi-lighters

2 red correcting pens glue stick

2 dry erase markers 24 count crayons scissorscolored pencils

***"Notice: The items on this list will be used during the regular school day. They may be brought from home on a voluntary basis, otherwise they will be furnished by the school."***

**Ways you can help:**

We believe our partnership has a common goal in mind, providing the best possible education for your child. Therefore, we are eager to have volunteers assist in our classrooms. Please consider helping us in one or more of the following ways:

\* Check your child’s homework folder nightly

\* Sign up to volunteer in our classroom: weekly, biweekly, or for special activities or parties. Please

remember to check in at the office when you come and log your volunteer hours.

\* Donate items from the wish list.

\* Listen to your child read out loud to you at least 3x a week.

\* Encourage your child to fill in his/her nightly reading minutes to reinforce a habit of regular reading.

\* Sign the weekly work envelope every Friday, and praise them for quality content found inside.

\* Communicate concerns with Mrs. Spanbauer and Mrs. Thompson.

**Donation Wish List:**

Post-it Notes Ziploc bags – sandwich/quart/gallon

Boxes of tissue Glue sticks

Pencils Student Scissors  
 Auction Items Filler Paper Clorox Wipes Hand Sanitizer Dry erase markers Rainy day games

**Behavior Expectations**:

Third Grade Class rules are based on the premise that teachers have a right to teach and students have a right to learn. The following rules are an approach to student self-responsibility. Our goal is to create an environment for our students to develop responsible behavior and self-discipline. Please review the school-wide discipline rules that are included in the student handbook. These will be enforced in our classrooms as well. Citizenship grades will be based on the following grading system.

CS = 90% - 100%

DS = 80% - 89%

RS = 79% or below

Behavior is monitored by a color-coded flip chart. Each student begins every day on green and has a goal of keeping it there. The consequences/rewards for color changes are as follows:

* Purple: Outstanding! You had a good day, went above and beyond for a perfect

day! $0.25 stamp

* Blue: Great Job! You went above and beyond today! $0.10 stamp
* Green: Good Day! $0.05 stamp
* Yellow: Caution! This is a warning.
* Orange: Oops! Time to think about your actions and how they affect others.
* Red: Stop! Time to stop and fill out a Think It Out sheet that will be signed by

your homeroom teacher and parent.

* Black: Yikes! Something serious is going on. Visit the director and call home.

**Rules in Third Grade:I will Respect –**

The Teacher’s right to teach

The Rights of others to learn, work, and share ideas

Myself and always do my best The property of other’s The feelings of others**It is my Responsibility to-**

Be prepared and on time

Be truthful and honest Be kind and fair with my words and actions

Be on taskCooperate with others

**Quarterly Award Possibilities**

**Honor Roll-**

Students who earn an all 4 average in academic areas.

**Citizenship Roll-**

Students who earn a CS in all Work Skills and Social Skills areas.

Please turn me in by: **Friday, August 19th**

I have read, understand, and agree to support the third grade disclosure statement. I also agree to abide by the North Star Academy student handbook policies, as well and the third grade disclosure.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_