

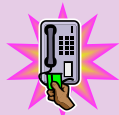
Let's Communicate....

We encourage you to contact the teacher immediately with any questions or concerns about your child so that we may work together to provide the best learning experience possible.



Ways to contact your child's teacher.....

Phone calls
to school



E-mail

Notes



Ways to help your child become a successful learner



Read to your child daily and discuss the book.



Model reading to your child.



Read out loud to you at least 20 minutes a day.



Set aside a time and place for your child to do his/her work.



Guide your child as he/she completes assignments.



Check your child's homework folders nightly.



The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.

Welcome to Third Grade



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Let us introduce you to
3rd Grade.

CURRICULUM

• Math - Go Math

Math - Our program emphasizes Common Core Standards. There is a focus on multiplication, division, fractions and problem solving.

• English Language Arts (ELA)

Writing - Students will write for a variety of purposes (**fiction and nonfiction**). Correct grammar, punctuation and spelling will be emphasized.

Reading - Treasures - (a reading program which covers a variety of fiction and nonfiction topics)

1. Guided Reading (reading in small groups)
2. Literature Circles (each student has a role while reading a particular piece)
3. Shared Reading (the entire class reads the same story)
4. Read Aloud (teacher reads to the class)
5. Partner Reading (students are paired up to read to each other)
6. Independent Reading (students read books of their choice on their own reading level)

• **Science** - Mini labs created by BOCES as well as teacher-designed units - units include: water cycle, landforms, butterfly cycle, rotation / revolution, introduction to simple machines, inherited traits, plants, erosion/ deposition, slow changes and fast changes on land.

• **Social Studies** - units include: citizenship, map skills, oceans, and continents, economics, government, China, Mexico, Australia, and symbols

FAQ's



HOMEWORK

- **How will I know what homework my child has each night?**
- Every student will have a folder containing a weekly assignment sheet
- **How often should I expect my child to have homework assignments?**
- On a daily basis: Mon.- Fri.



NY STATE TESTING

- **What tests will my child be taking?**
- ELA - April
- Math - April



RECESS

- **Will my child have recess every day?**
- Every child will have recess on Monday - Friday.
- If school work is not completed or if a student misbehaves, he/she may be required to stay in for part of the recess.

This brochure was designed to inform parents of the expectations for their child's grade level.

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Each teacher has his/her own style of teaching; however, the curriculum is guided by new national Common Core Standards.

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Third grade is a transitional year, as students are required to be more responsible for their learning, begin to take routine tests and quizzes, and state tests.

