

# Dundee Elementary Third Grade

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## Welcome to Third Grade

Congratulations on being a third grader! In this newsletter, you will learn all about being a third grader at Dundee.



### Meet the Teachers

### Daily Schedule

Every day is a busy one in third grade. Below is the daily schedule in each third grade classroom.

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#### **Mrs. Shari Smith, Room 205**

This is Mrs. Smith's 2nd year at Dundee. She graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education with a specialization in Special Education.

**8:50 - 9:25** Bellwork & Opening

**9:20 - 11:05** Reading/Language

**11:45 - 12:10** Lunch

**12:25 - 1:10** Specials

**1:20 - 2:20** Math

**2:25 - 3:00** Science / Social Studies

**3:00 - 3:30** Handwriting

**3:30 - 3:45** Silent Reading/ Dismissal



#### **Mrs. Sara Tingelhoff, Room 208**

This is Mrs. Tingelhoff's 13<sup>th</sup> year at Dundee. She has a Master's Degree in Education Administration.

### Supplies

There are many supplies that we will be using in third grade. Below is a list of items you may want to bring with you on the first day of school.

- **pencil box**
- **2 red correcting pens**
- **3 folders**
- **4 spiral notebooks**
- **2 boxes of Kleenex**
- **colored pencils**
- **1 box of pencils**
- **2 erasers**
- **1 containers Lysol Wipes**
- **2 glue sticks**

### Highlights of Third Grade

- ◆ Cursive
- ◆ Multiplication & Division
- ◆ Overnight Field Trip
- ◆ Rose Theater Workshop
- ◆ Architectural Bus Tour



#### **Mrs. Colleen Mayfield, Room 209**

Mrs. Mayfield has been teaching in the Omaha Public Schools for 14 years. This will be her 10<sup>th</sup> year at Dundee. She has a Master's Degree in Elementary Education.

## Curriculum



### Reading

The Omaha Public Schools currently uses the HarcourtReading series. Each week we will focus on a particular story from the book and work on the skills within the story.

#### Third Grade Reading Standards:

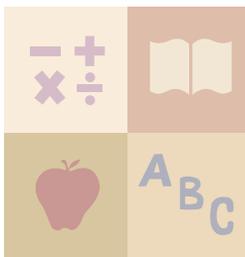
- Read Unfamiliar Words
- Read grade level materials fluently
- Develop Vocabulary
- Read, Comprehend, and summarize Fiction & Nonfiction
- Use resources to locate information
- Self-select & independently read fiction, nonfiction & poetry

### Writing

The focus of writing in third grade centers around the 6 Traits of Writing: Ideas, Organization, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Voice, & Conventions. We also work on a variety of writing skills and parts of speech in weekly skills lessons.

#### Third Grade Writing Standards:

- Use the writing process to communicate
- Apply the rules of grammar, usage, punctuation, paragraphing, & spelling in various forms of writing.



### Math

We are currently using the Harcourt series in math. This year we will be learning about the following concepts:

- Number relationships & place value
- Multiplication & division
- Time, money, & measurement
- Geometric shapes
- Graphing & problem solving

### Spelling

We are using the Sitton Spelling program in third grade. Each unit will focus on strategies to help students to become life long spellers. We will not have a weekly list of words to study. When students do take a unit spelling assessment, we will send them home in the Wednesday folder for you to practice words that were missed.

### Handwriting

The students will begin learning to write in cursive right away. We use the Zaner-Bloser method. Throughout the course of the year, the students will practice their cursive writing nightly in a Handwriting book.

### Science / Social Studies

Science and Social Studies will be taught in blocks. We will spend an extended period of time on each subject separately, rotating every 4-5 weeks. This allows us to spend quality time on the concepts to be learned.

#### Science Topics:

- Light & Sound
- Earth's Surface
- Life Cycles of Living Things

#### Social Studies Themes:

- Communities
- Citizenship & Government
- Kinds of People
- People Working in a Community



