We’re five weeks in to our school year, and just about done with all of our beginning-of-year assessments. We’re excited about getting started with our new normal.

Despite all the time devoted to testing, we have had a tremendous time learning and connecting as a community. We’ve already made a number of special memories together.

Our first meeting with our Myers Park High School North Star Readers went fabulously! We’re excited about the books we’ll be reading and discussing with our partners. This past Friday we had our first Character Education assembly and were enter-tained by the MPHS marching band and flag team.

We have had a lot going on academically, also. In literacy we have been working on building reading stamina and on honing strategies that good readers use – like asking questions before, during, and after reading or connecting the reading to themselves, other texts, or the world.

Students began switching classes during our math block today. We began the year with a focus on multiplication and division. We are now circling back to a unit on addition and subtraction strategies..

Writing, science, social studies, and health will get even greater attention with more time in our schedule. We’ll have updates to share soon!

Tuesday, October 2, 2017

Mark Your Calendar

* **TUES 10/3** Fall Pictures
* **FRI 10/6** – 3rd Grade to Children’s Theater for Mary Poppins
* **THUR 10/11** – Reading Test Scores Meeting
* **FRI 10/13** – Friday Night Lights
* **WED 10/18** – Early Release Day [11:45]
* **FRI 10/20** – Red Friday
* **FRI 10/27** – End of First Quarter
* **MON 10/30** – Teacher Workday /Parent-Teacher Conferences



Notes & News

### Mrs. Shockley’s

3rd Grade Class

# We’re Ready to Learn (& Laugh)!

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The success of each child and our class as a whole this year will be due in large part to the support that we get from parents. Many of you met our room parents, ***Trina Cone*** and ***Kerri Porter***, at our Curriculum Night on September 19th. Together they are already doing a terrific job organizing and filling our volunteer needs. Thank you to those who have already joined them in volunteering to help out. If you haven’t yet had a chance to do so, I encourage you to check out our class volunteer calendar (accessed on our class web page) for the many opportunities that still remain. Once you decide on a spot you could fill, simply email Trina or Kerri (also linked on the page) so that they can add you to our calendar. We are looking for the following help: Family Favorites Readers (Tues at 11:20), Media (Mon at 7:45), mini water bottles (every other week).

## Volunteering Made Easy

Inside this issue:

This is

How We Roll!

“You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.”

**- Clay P. Bedford**

We love to read in third grade! Students are given opportunities to read at school each day and are expected to read at home each night. We would love help adding to our classroom library. We have a need for both clear contact paper and hands willing to take a bag of books to cover. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Students are encouraged to check out books from the library (Selwyn’s or PLCMC), check out books from class, or exchange between friends.

For those of you who are interested in expanding your child’s home library, we will send home **Scholastic** **Book Club** fliers monthly. Please consider ordering from their vast, affordable selection.

Another great option for expanding your library is through local used book stores. Here are some of my Charlotte favorites:

***Julia's Cafe & Books*** - 1133 N Wendover Rd. (704) 295-4585

[Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity]

***The Last Word*** - 5744 N Tryon St. (704) 966-9673

***Book Buyers*** - 1306 The Plaza

(704) 344-8611

***Book Rack*** - 10110 Johnston Rd. #5 (704) 544-8006

***2nd & Charles*** - 5331 South Blvd. (704) 523-2217

## Homework

We have held off on assigning homework because of all the time that has been devoted to student assessment. With the wrapping up of BOY testing, we will soon be adding to students’ daily work requirements.

Here is some of what you can expect:

**READING** – We have a minimum requirement of 20 minutes of reading for 5 nights a week. Soon students will be required to provide a short written response to accompany each day’s reading.

**MATH** – At this time, anything that is required will be assigned by individual math teachers,

**COMPASS LEARNING (now EDGENUITY)** – CMS and Selwyn administrators are requiring students to log in and work from home at 60 minutes a week.

**WORD STUDY** – Most of this will be done in class, although words and additional optional study activities will be sent home weekly. Tests will be on Thursdays.

**QUIZ PREP**- On Thursdays students will bring home their DLR (Daily Language Review) to prepare for Friday’s quiz.

Getting back into the school groove can be a challenge. A lot has been thrown at you over the last five weeks. Here are a few reminders to keep us on the same page.

* We leave class for our special area classes by 7:40 three days a week. Students should have unpacked, put on name tags, filled water bottles, written down homework, and begun morning work all before this time. Please make sure your child arrives early enough to accomplish all this and have a smooth start to the day.
* PLEASE let me know in advance about absences and early dismissals. That helps me to pace your child’s assignments and assessments and reduce classroom disruption.
* Transportation changes must be sent via a note, We are unable to accept emailed requests.
* Remember that an adult should be signing the agenda and making sure reading is documented each evening.
* Our lunch time is from 10:47 – 11:12. Come visit us sometime. It’s an easy way to be a rock star to your child and his/her friends! ☺

## “A Book is a Dream You Hold in Your Hands” (Neil Gaiman)

## Getting Organized