Notes & News

### Mrs. Shockley’s

3rd Grade Class

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# Commitment to Community

I hope that you all enjoyed a fabulous week of making lifelong memories with your children over spring break. I’ve been thrilled to have each of these precious souls walk back into our classroom ready for our last quarter of learning together.

When we left many of us were showing serious signs of spring fever. Now that we’ve returned, we’ve got to get a handle on this so that we can do the hard work required of third grade scholars at this time of year. In addition to all the learning and testing that the next weeks hold, we’ve also got a number of “extras” planned. We look forward to adding these adding joy to the rigor of our days.

We continue to have need for conversations about being our best selves within our classroom community. I’m looking for students to begin to looking more like fourth graders over the coming weeks. That means that when tackling academic assignments they are following directions, double-checking their work, and going above and beyond so that they can proudly say that they’ve given their best effort. As citizens of our community they should be following directions the first time, following class norms without needing to be asked, and taking initiative when they see something that needs to be done. As friends, students should be making efforts to be inclusive, to strive for peace, and to extend kindness. We will continue to address these expectations in class meetings, but always appreciate your support from home.

So . . . about all that hard work ahead! We still have a lot to accomplish in terms of curriculum. Students will be working with fairy tales, folktales, and legends in language arts, measurement in math, and space in science. Students will regularly take school-based assessments in all these areas.

While, for many, spring is a time where love is in the air, here in 3rd grade, TESTING is in the air. This week we’ll be taking our MAP tests in reading and math. Our MClass testing [DAZE/DORF/TRC] window begins the 26th and lasts through May 18th. Remember that the one-on-one nature of these tests will require students to work independently for extended periods of time while I pull individual students. Of course, our final mandated testing is our EOGs beginning May 25th. Time to bring our A-game, for sure! ☺

## Things Are Heating Up in Third Grade!

Mark Your Calendar

* **TUES 4/10** MAP Reading Testing
* **WED 4/11** MAP Math Testing
* **THUR 4/12**  North Star Field Trip to MPHS
* **TUES 4/17** Field Trip to Panther’s Stadium & Romare Bearden Park
* **WED 4/18** Early Release Day
* **THUR 4/19** Spring Pictures / Report Cards Sent
* **MON 4/23** EOG Pep Rally
* **FRI 4/27** Character Education Assembly

If you’ve gotten to this point in our newsletter, you have some sense of how busy and demanding our next 44 days (gasp!!) together are going to be. Your children are amazing and have it in them to shine brightly. This will be accomplished more easily, however, with your help. Here is how you can make a difference:

* Be present. We’d love to see you here at school (see options above).
* Stay involved. Review EOG Language Arts and Math Homework assignments before your child turns them in .
* Keep lines of communication open – with your child and with me. How is s/he processing all that’s going on? Don’t hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.
* Keep routines consistent: Regular bed time, hearty breakfasts, daily reading.
* Keep high expectations – both academically and behaviorally.

Thank you for your partnership in helping your child realize every success!

Here are some of the “extras” we’ll be adding to our days (& even some nights!) over the next month or so:

* Our field trip to Myers Park High School to meet with our North Star Readers will be this Thursday. We will eat in class before walking over to share reading time at the library in the new LA building.
* Our 3rd grade field trip to the Panther’s Stadium and Romare Bearden Park is next Tuesday, April 17th.
* The 3rd -5th grade EOG Pep Rally will be Monday, April 23rd.
* Selwyn’s Spring Book Fair [a great time to stock up on summer reads!] will take place May 1st – 4th.
* Third grade will make trips to Reed’s Gold Mine on May 1st or 4th. More information will come soon regarding our assigned day.
* SCArts will be the evening of Thursday, May 3rd. Several of our class friends will be performing and would love your support!
* Our Red Ribbon Reading Pep Rally will take place the afternoon of Thursday, May 10th.
* We will meet for the last time with our MPHS North Star Reading Buddies on Friday, May 18th. More information will be sent later about this celebration.

Keep up-to-date on these and other events by checking in regularly with the postings on our class web page.

This time of year offers LOTS of opportunities for you to lend a helping hand to meet needs and make memories. Here are some areas where your help could really make a difference:

* We are in need of proctors for our End of Grade Testing sessions. Please consider signing up for one or more days to help us out. In order to proctor you must be a registered volunteer with CMS. If you are not already registered, please access the link on our class website to register. PLEASE NOTE: You would be unable to proctor in any grade level where you have a child. Being here to proctor gives you a much clearer vision of what your child experiences during these state tests.
* We always love when you are able to join us in person – for lunch [10:47 daily], as a Family Favorites Reader [Tuesdays at 11:20], or as a Media Helper [Mondays at 7:45].
* Stay tuned . . . we’ll be needing help with our gold mine field trip, our North Star celebration, Red & Blue Day, and our end-of-year party.

“Learn as if you were to live forever.”

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

## Supporting Your Scholar

## We Can’t Do It Without You!

## Beyond Our “Have-To’s”