Notes & News

### Mrs. Shockley’s

3rd Grade Class


# Welcome to a New School Year!

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On our class web page and in your child’s T.H.I.R.D. Binder you will find a copy of our classroom schedule. Here are the highlights:

•We leave for specials at 7:40 three days a week! Please have your child here in plenty of time to start his/her day.

•Lunch for our class will take place from 10:47 to 11:12 daily.

•Our ENRICHMENT CLASSES rotation is as follows:

**Monday**: Media from 7:45 – 8:25

**Tuesday**: Art [with Mrs. Chorneau] from 7:45 – 8:25

**Wednesday**: P.E. [with Coach K] from 11:40 – 12:20 & Art [again! – this time with Mrs. Swing] from 12:25 – 1:05

**Thursday**: Music [with Mrs. Mitchell-Harris] from 7:45 – 8:25

**Friday**: Technology from 12:25 – 1:05 (Note: On assembly Fridays this special time will be modified.)

## Classroom & Special Area Schedules

Mark Your Calendar

* **WED 9/6** – “Me Museum” Homework Due
* **MON 9/18** – 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade TD Meeting at 5:00 pm
* **TUES 9/19** – Curriculum Night Open House at 6:15 pm
* **FRI 9/29** – RRR pledges due

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Welcome

Thirdlings!

It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet so many of you already. I look forward to us working closely together over the coming months to best help your child to grow and learn.

What fun it has been to get to spend the last week with your children! Our beginning days together have been about establishing procedures, learning the rules, getting to know one another – and holding on to just a bit of summer fun. The purpose in all of this has been to lay the foundation for a positive and supportive classroom community. At Selwyn we want all students to feel safe and best prepared to learn. In class we have been using the book *Miss Moon: Wise Words from a Dog Governess* by Janet Hill as a springboard for our discussions about our community behavioral expectations. For more information about our class discipline approach and policies feel free to visit our class web page.

As a school we will attend our annual “Rules for the Nest” assembly this Friday. At that time we will address the rules we have in our different school settings. Details about these can be found on the Selwyn school web page.

Tuesday,

September, 5, 2017

We will be taking time for a short snack during our afternoon block each day to recharge. Please send in a small, NUTRITIOUS snack with your child daily. Beverages are also permitted at this time. Please refrain from sending in sweets or sodas. Because of the rise in food allergies and sensitivities, I am asking that students not share their snacks with others.

Our lunch is scheduled from 10:47 to 11:12 daily. Come join us any time! We’ll meet you in the rotunda on our way to the cafeteria. Once there, your child may choose one friend to join you both at one of our visitors’ tables. Please be aware that friends cannot join you should you choose to eat outside on the Learning Plaza.

We love opportunities to celebrate our friends. Parents are welcome to send in a special treat to recognize their birthday child. We ask that these be brought to share during the last 10 minutes of our lunch time. Please note that it is a CMS policy that anything shared must be purchased from a store or bakery that can provide nutrition labels. Thank you for adhering to this procedure. [Parents of children with summer, winter, or spring break birthdays will be contacted regarding our “Un-birthday Party” celebration to be held later this year. ]

## Communication

Your child will be most successful this year if we are working together. A vital element of this will be our communication with one another. More “Notes & News” will come approximately once a month. Additional email and/or text notifications will be sent as needed. Information from home that requires my immediate attention should be placed in the front pocket of your child’s T.H.I.R.D. Binder. Any time you have questions regarding your child, don’t hesitate to email me at ***lecia.shockley@cms.k12.nc***.***us*** Messages can also be left for me by calling the Selwyn office at **980-343-5835**. For information about our room you can always visit our class web page at ***http://classencountersofthe3rdkind.weebly.com/***. I look forward to us developing a strong, positive partnership this year as we strive to help your child achieve his or her best.

“The beginning is the most important part of the work.”

**- Plato**

Afternoon dismissal begins at 2:45. During afternoon pick up please remain attentive and refrain from talking on your cell phone. If some emergency comes up that keeps you from getting to Selwyn by 2:45, immediately notify the office.

For those who are walkers, Please note the new waiting area in the grass near the Selwyn sign. Please keep the sidewalks clear for classes exiting to the bus lot.

Please send a note any time there is a change in your child’s normal mode of transportation. ***PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO ACCEPT*** ***ANY TRANSPORTATION CHANGES BY PHONE or EMAIL.***

By communicating with me in advance about early dismissals, I can ensure that your child is packed up in advance and that instruction time for others is least impacted.

Keep in mind that all absences are considered “unexcused” until we receive written parental confirmation of the reason for the absence. Families are strongly encouraged to plan vacations around the school calendar so that students miss a minimum of instruction during this pivotal academic year.

## Snack, Lunch, & Birthdays (Oh, My!)

## Dismissal & Absences