

## **Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Rode's Parent Meeting Notes– Things to Know!**

### **Times and T-Shirts**

- School starts at 7:50 and ends at 3:40.
- Our lunch is at 12:10 (although visitors are not allowed on campus).
- Wednesdays are college t-shirt days and Fridays are Battlin' Billie Spirit Days.
- We will order a class t-shirt. The cost will be \$10. We will send a note home later about this.

### **Parent Communication**

- If you have a concern, you may email us or call the school to set up a phone conference or Zoom meeting. We will always address your concerns **together**. We will not return emails after 5:00p.m. Please do not call or text us on our personal phones about concerns.
- We take care of over 35 children, please have patience and grace. Please understand that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is an adjustment, and some of the work is harder. This is the year that the students will work independently. We will hold them accountable for the work that is assigned to them.
- **On October 11<sup>th</sup> it is Parent/Teacher conference day. We will send out a schedule to make appointments shortly before that date.**

### **Attendance and Dismissal**

- If your child is going home a different way than normal, **please contact the office**. If you email or text either one of us, we may not see it until after dismissal.
- If a child is absent, please send a note or send a doctor's note.
- They must have a note from the office if they are riding a different bus.
- If your child is a car rider, we are using PikMyKid.

### **Homework and Independent Work**

- We will not have Billie Planners this year.
- Third graders are expected to read 20-30 minutes each night. They will have a reading log assignment that they will be completing in class. Reading at home will help them complete this assignment.
- Students will receive an independent morning packet on Monday. The packet will be due on Friday. They will have 45 min. every morning to work on their packet and their reading log assignment.
- Spelling words will go home every week in their binder. We will have a spelling test every Friday – please help them study these words at home before Friday.
- Students are to practice math facts on **Wednesday** evening. They may use flashcards or an app on a phone, tablet, or computer.

### **STAAR Test**

- The STAAR test will be on May 10th (Math) and May 11th (Reading)
- Reading at home each night and practicing math facts is the best help that you can give your child to prepare for these tests.

### **Snacks and Rewards**

- Students will be allowed to have snack at 2:40 each day. They will need to have a snack that does not need a spoon or one that can spill.
- We will not allow juice in the classroom for snack.
- If you would like to donate a box or bag of prepackaged snack, we would appreciate it.
- We use a sticker chart to manage behavior. Students earn a sticker each day and can earn extra stickers for many things. They earn prizes for completing their chart. They can also lose stickers for making bad choices.