

Dear Third Grade Parents,

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Each day your child will participate in a wide variety of mathematics activities. Your child will learn through hands-on experiences, discussion, and exploration. The new learning will be reinforced through ongoing practice.

Our day begins with "The Meeting." This is a time when we practice a wide variety of everyday skills. These include questions about the calendar, a daily number pattern, problem solving, temperature, time, counting, and money. A "Student of the Day" assists with special tasks.

The next part of *Math 3* is "The Lesson." During "The Lesson" a new concept is presented through discussion and an activity. Concepts and skill in *Math 3* include computation, problem-solving strategies, pattern identification, measurement, geometry, money, time, fractions, graphs, and charts.

Number facts are introduced using fact strategies. We will practice the facts in class using fact cards, oral fact practice, and fact sheets. Your child will also practice the number facts at home using fact sheets and oral practice. Children are encouraged to continue practicing the number facts at home using games and activities.

After each lesson we will practice the new learning, as well as concepts previously introduced, through guided written practice. The children complete and correct Side A of a practice sheet in class. Side B is your child's homework. Most problems on Side B have a similar problem on Side A.

Your child will have an opportunity to begin working on Side B in class. If your child brings home Math homework, please assist your child by reading the problems on Side B, if necessary. Allow your child to arrive at the answers independently. Check your child's work and help your child correct mistakes. **You will need to give one or more time tests to your child almost every evening. If your child has taken a test that day, he or she will not have to take a fact practice quiz at home. When giving a quiz at home, always follow the directions at the top of the page. It is important that your child return the homework the next day.**

Assessment of your child's progress occurs every five lessons starting with Lesson 10. Each written assessment includes skills your child has been practicing throughout the year. We will strive for 80 percent mastery on all assessments. Any missed objectives will be reviewed and retaught. During our conferences, I will share with you my observations about your child's progress.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the program or your child's progress.

Sincerely,

Miss Leslie

