

NEW HORIZONS SCHOOL

3rd Grade September Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to an exciting new school year! I'm thrilled to be your child's Third Grade teacher and look forward to a year filled with curiosity, learning, and fun. We'll explore new subjects, engage in hands-on projects, and work together in a supportive environment.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warmly,

Ms.Swati

3rd Grade Teacher

What are we learning this month?

Literature

In September, our literature lessons will delve into short stories from our anthology, focusing on how characters' choices influence the plot. Students will analyze how these choices drive the narrative forward and explore how the setting, plot, and characters are interconnected to uncover the story's theme.

We'll also practice identifying the main idea and summarizing each story to enhance comprehension and critical thinking skills. A key highlight will be our reading of "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH," where students will engage with the story's themes, character development, and plot structure. Through these activities, they will gain a deeper understanding of storytelling elements and improve their analytical skills.

Spanish

They will enjoy listening to and learning through reading aloud, which will help them build confidence and fluency. Additionally, students will follow a basic storyline in Spanish, which will introduce them to essential vocabulary and language structures.

This month, they will also be introduced to numbers 0-30, along with basic expressions and greetings in Spanish. These foundational elements will help them start communicating in Spanish and understand simple conversations, setting the stage for more advanced language skills in the future.

Speech

This month, we'll focus on memorizing a section from Abraham Lincoln's "The Gettysburg Address," a powerful and historically significant speech. This exercise will not only help students appreciate the speech's importance but also enhance their memorization and recitation skills.

Additionally, we'll practice delivering a poem with confidence and poise. This activity will help students develop their public speaking abilities and learn to express emotions and ideas effectively. Building on these skills throughout the year, students will gain greater comfort and skill in presenting both prose and poetry.

Language Arts

This month, we'll review sentence structure with a focus on understanding subjects and predicates. Students will learn to craft clear and creative sentences by identifying and using these essential components effectively. We'll also practice correcting sentence fragments and run-on sentences to improve their writing precision.

Encouraging your child to read daily will greatly support their development of these skills. Regular reading helps reinforce sentence structure and exposes them to diverse writing styles, which enhances their ability to construct wellorganized sentences.

Math

This month in Math, we will focus on enhancing problem-solving skills and applying logical methods to real-world word problems. Our key topics will include:

- Comparing Numbers
- Adding and Subtracting Three-Digit Numbers
- Adding Columns of Numbers

Additionally, we will explore:

- Ordinal Numbers
- Months of the Year
- The Identity Property of Multiplication
- Solving Addition Problems with Missing Addends
- Identifying Rules and Missing Numbers in Counting Sequences

These activities will build a solid mathematical foundation and improve students' ability to apply their skills to various problems and situations.

History

This year in history, we will focus on how individuals' choices, motivated by the desire to improve their lives, lead to significant outcomes. Our studies will emphasize the connections between cause and effect, exploring how these relationships have shaped various people and civilizations throughout history.

We will examine how decisions made by individuals, from influential leaders to everyday people, have driven historical events and transformed societies. By analyzing these cause-and-effect relationships, students will gain a deeper understanding of how personal and collective actions have contributed to shaping the world we live in today.

Computer Lab

We're excited to introduce computer science programming to our elementary students this month! They will start learning Terrapin Logo programming, which is designed to build strong logic and analytical thinking skills.

Our focus will be on mastering basic commands such as FD (forward), RT (right turn), LT (left turn), BK (backward), CS (clear screen), PU (pen up), and PD (pen down). These fundamental commands will help students understand how to create and control shapes and patterns through programming, fostering their problem-solving abilities and sparking their interest in technology.

Soon 3rd Graders will be able to write small procedures, compile and run to see the output.





School is closed on Monday September 2nd for Labor Day

Friday folders

Please remember to send the Friday packet back on Monday once you review. It may contain some important information like Classwork, Homework or Tests.