

Campbell Christian School
2008-09 Parent Orientation

Third Grade
Miss Griffin

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General questions call: Ext. 221
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To leave a message for:
Miss Griffin Ext. 248

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Dear Parents:

I am looking forward to having your child in my class this school year. Third grade is an exciting and important year for students - an opportunity for them to strengthen reading and language skills while learning many new concepts in math.

2008-2009 will be my twenty-seventh year at Campbell Christian School. Prior to CCS, I taught five years in the Fort Worth Independent School District in Texas. Experience in both public and private education has sold me on Christian schooling. I am committed to Christian education, which emphasizes spiritual and moral values as well as academics.

Third grade will include the following educational highlights for your child:

BIBLE - A sequential study of Creation through David, the second king of Israel. The fourth quarter will include a study of the life of Jesus. Christian character traits will also be taught (Fruit of the Spirit -Galatians 5:22-23).

MATH - The Saxon math program includes multiplication skills (0-9x facts), division (one-digit divisors with remainders), regrouping to tens, hundreds, and thousands in addition and subtraction, fractions, decimals, time, money, measurement, square roots, and word problems.

READING - Word study skills including prefixes, suffixes, syllabication, and analogies; Study skills including use of dictionary and encyclopedia; Critical reading skills include sequencing, main idea, and inferencing. Appreciation of various types of children's literature will be included in the Houghton Mifflin Reading program.

SPELLING, ENGLISH, WRITING - Skills will be taught using Houghton-Mifflin materials. This program includes a continued study of the parts of speech, capitalization and punctuation rules, plus sentence and paragraph structure. There will be frequent creative writing assignments, book reports, and a research paper.

PENMANSHIP - D'Nealian Manuscript and Cursive will be reviewed starting the first week of school.

SCIENCE - A God-centered science program including the study of rocks and minerals, volcanoes, plants, vertebrates, invertebrates, biomes (tropical and temperate rain forests, deserts, grasslands, taiga, polar regions, oceans), the solar system, heat and temperature, water cycle and weather.

SOCIAL STUDIES - A study of world geography and communities including map skills, landforms, continents, oceans, and cultures. Countries we will study include Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, Egypt, Kenya, China, Japan, Russia, Israel, Ireland, Italy, France, and other European countries.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES - include art, music, library, computer, and physical education. Tentative field trips this year include the San Francisco Zoo and the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

It is my prayer that your child will have a successful year in third grade, both academically and spiritually. Please feel free to contact me at 370-4900, ext. 248, if you have questions or concerns. It is a special joy to have your child in my class this year.

*In Christian Service
Gail Griffin*

THIRD GRADE DISCIPLINE PLAN

In order to provide a productive educational climate for your child and all the students in my classroom, I am utilizing the following discipline plan.

CLASS RULES:

1. Follow directions.
2. Work quietly.
3. Be kind to others.
4. Raise hand.
5. Finish work.

STUDENTS WHO BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY WILL BE REWARDED WITH:

- Praise
- Positive notes home
- Class store
- Free time, game days, parties

IF A STUDENT CHOOSES TO BREAK A RULE:

- Student receives a warning.
- 1st consequence (one check) – lose 5 minutes of recess
- 2nd consequence (two checks) – lose 10 minutes of recess
- 3rd consequence (three checks)- lose 15 minutes of recess
- 4th consequence (four checks)- student sent to office

I have discussed this plan with the class and would appreciate your review of these class rules with your child before signing and returning the form below.

Thank you for your support. Please contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Miss Griffin

Tear Off and return

Child's name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Comments:

HOMEWORK REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRD GRADE:

- Homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday nights. Assignments for third grade will average thirty to forty minutes a night.
- A weekly assignment/test schedule will be sent home each Friday.

Students are responsible for:

- Taking home necessary materials and returning work and textbooks to school.
- Returning assignments on date due. Parents will be notified if homework has not been returned.
- Writing name/correct heading on all papers.

Students will be bringing home various notes, folders, and tests requiring parent signature. Please sign these and give them to your child to return to school the next day. Students earn bonus points for returning these papers promptly.

WORK FOLDERS:

- Weekly work will be sent home on Fridays.
- Please sign the Friday folder after looking through your child's work. Students are responsible for returning the folder to school on Monday.
- Students should correct papers marked "Please Correct" and return them with their folder. All other papers may be kept at home.
- Papers with a check mark were completed in class as group work and are not recorded in the grade book.

GRADING:

- Report cards are issued quarterly (every nine weeks).
- Mid-quarter grades will be sent home during the fifth week of each quarter so that you will know where your child stands academically. You may check with me at any time regarding your child's progress.
- The grading scale is as follows:
 - 90-100% = A
 - 80 . 89% = B
 - 70 . 79% = C
 - 60 . 69% = D
 - Below 60 = F

RESEARCH PROJECTS/WRITING SKILLS:

1. Written encyclopedia report and diorama on a vertebrate (mammal, fish, bird, reptile, or amphibian)
2. Creative writing assignments with illustrations
3. Poetry assignments
4. Six chapter autobiography
5. Creation of a travel brochure on a favorite country
6. Fiction and a non-fiction book reports

Book Report Monthly Requirements:

Sept.	Fiction book/written report
Oct.	Fiction book/written report
Nov./Dec.	Non-fiction book/written report
Jan.	Fiction book/oral report and a poster
Feb.	Biography/written report
March	Creation of a travel brochure on a favorite country (Details will be sent home in February.)
April/May	Written research report on a vertebrate (Details will be sent home in March.)

GRADE 3 SUPPLIES

Miss Griffin's Class

- 2 dozen #2 pencils
- Erasers
- 1 small self-contained pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 package (12-24 colors) Crayola colored pencils for map work in Social Studies
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 package (at least 12) fine point markers
- 1 supply box or zippered pouch
- 3-hole lined filler paper
(single sheets are preferred over spiral notebooks)
- 2 folders with pockets
(to use as homework folder and for storing paper)
- Multiplication flashcards (for practice at home)
- 2 boxes of tissue (200 + count)
- 1 container of Clorox wipes

GRADE 3 SUPPLIES

Mr. Keirstead's Class

- 4 dozen #2 pencils, **please do not label**
- 1 small self-contained pencil sharpener, please label
- 1 pair of scissors (preferably Fiskars)
- 2 small glue sticks or one large glue stick
- 1 package (12 colors) Crayola colored pencils
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 1 package (at least 12) fine point markers
- 1 supply box (Note: keep size small as it must fit into desk.)
- 3-hole lined wide-ruled filler paper in a pocket folder (single sheets, not spiral notebooks)
- 2 folders with pockets (to use as homework folder and for storing paper)
- No binders please.** as they do not fit in the desks.
- Multiplication flashcards (for practice at home)
- 1 box of tissue (200 + count)
- 1 container of Clorox wipes