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# Third Grade Newsletter

Dear Parents,

During these first three weeks of school, we have established a comfortable learning environment for ourselves. We have gotten to know each other well and the students have been introduced to my disciplinary rules and classroom expectations. In addition, we have been frequently practicing the procedures and routines in order for these to become habitual for the students. During this introductory period, students have conducted a number of interviews and activities explaining who they are.

We have already started with the curriculum and here's an overview of everything we've covered so far:

## Language Arts:

**Theme 1:** *What a Team.*

**Reading Sections:** *Officer Buckle and Gloria, Pepita Talks Twice* (still in progress)

**Reading Objectives:** to define characters and setting, plot.

**English Objectives:** to identify statements and questions.

**Phonic Objective:** to recognize the root words and inflection, ex: patches = patch + es

**Spelling:** short "a" and "e" sounds



## Math:

**Unit 1:** *Routines, Reviews, and Assessment*

**Objectives:** to review the math children have encountered in earlier grades and to be provided with a snapshot of their mathematical background and capabilities as they begin a new school year.

**Areas of focus:**

- To explore patterns on number grids
- To review telling time, measuring lengths, and using calculators,
- To review data concepts and make predictions based on data, and
- To give equivalent names for numbers.

## Social Studies

**Unit 1:** *Communities*

**Objectives:** to define the term community; to identify characteristics that communities have in common; to compare and contrast the local community with their native community.

**Geographic terms:** continent, map, globe, and ocean

**Map Skills:** to locate the seven continents, five oceans and their own community.

**Reminders to students:**

- A minimum of eight hours of sleep is required for all you students.
- Remember to drink lots of water.
- Also, eat lots of fruits and vegetables to keep the body well protected.

**Reminder to the parents:**

Please be informed that lunch for the Third Graders begins at 12:00 P.M., thus, it is important that you send a small but healthy snack for your child.

**Upcoming Events:**

- September 19 – September 23:  
Eid Break
- Math Unit1 assessment –  
September 28
- September 30 – Open House
- October 19 – Virtual Day
- We are looking forward to meeting you all at the Open House Night.

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There are 2 classes in Grade 3, during this time both classes will follow a similar program of study. Please be mindful that there will be some differences in the overall pace of work being taught in class. Your child will be fortunate to be engaged in some different learning engagements that are unique to the students and teacher in their class room.

**Class 3A students working on their social studies vocab words.**