



Greetings families!

What a great beginning to the school year so far!!! After getting to know the children and seeing their wonderful work ethic and their great personalities, I am truly excited about this 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year!

Your child will be receiving their **Homework Packet** this Friday, the majority of the homework is reading at home for at least 20 minutes per night and filling in their reading response log. There is a monthly menu to choose from when it comes to their responses. They need to complete 4 days of reading responses per week from this menu (one appetizer, two main courses, and one dessert). If you know your child has a busy weekday schedule and you'd like them to start the homework packet on the weekend, please do so. That is why I always send it home on Friday so the children can get a head start on it. The homework packet will be collected every Friday morning, graded, and will count towards their reading grade.

As for the **spelling and vocabulary practice**, they have a sheet in their binder (in the homework section) for each of the topics (spelling and vocabulary). It gives them a choice of different activities they can do to study their spelling and vocabulary words. There is also loose leaf paper in the back of the binder for them to use to do these activities. I will not be grading the spelling/vocabulary practice but remember that they will be held accountable (with quizzes/tests) for knowing these words. Please make sure they are studying them for a few minutes every night.

Your child will be receiving their first **math homework** this Monday, August 21st. The children have **daily math homework** from Monday - Thursday night. Please make sure your child is completing the math homework correctly. The math homework is checked and counts towards your child's math grade.

**We write in the planners each day so please remember to look at it every night and sign it.** All homework as well as other communication should be put in the binder that your child brings home daily. It is very important that your child return that binder to school each day. Please remember to send all monies (lunch, t-shirt, etc.) to the school in an envelope. On the envelope please write my name, your child's name, and what the money is to be used for. Also, please try your best to send a check or put the exact amount of money due in the envelope. It is very difficult for me to find change for the amount due.

If you have not done so, please become an "**Additions**" volunteer ([www.volunteer.ocps.net](http://www.volunteer.ocps.net)). Please remember that you must be an "Additions" Volunteer to be able to come and help out in the

classroom, go on trips with us, attend any school functions, and even come to eat lunch with your child (children). Also, please keep in mind that parents are only allowed to eat on campus with their children on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**Birthday parties** are not allowed in our school. You may, however, drop off cupcakes that we can give out during recess while we sing "Happy Birthday" to your son/daughter.

**Here are some important dates/reminders:**

- Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> - **Ms. Lopez' Birthday!!! :O)**
- Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - **first trip to check out books at the library (bi-monthly schedule)**
- Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - **Labor Day (No School)**
- Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - **Guidance Advisory Committee (GAC)** at 5:30, **Student Advisory Committee (SAC)** at 6:00, and **PTA meeting** at 7pm in the Media Center
- Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - **Grandparent's Day Breakfast** (more information to come)
- Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> - **Patriot's Day Assembly** (more information to come)
- Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - **Open House** (more information to come)
- Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Fall Picture Day** (more info to come)
- Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> - **Vision Testing** (more info to come)

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [jennifer.reed@ocps.net](mailto:jennifer.reed@ocps.net). I am so grateful for the support I already see from you regarding your child's success this year. Thank you again, for sharing them with me each day!

*Mrs. Reed*

