

Expectations and Procedures in Third Grade

Mission-

Christ is the eternal prophet, priest and king. As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we commit ourselves to carry on His mission of teaching, sanctifying and governing the People of God.

As a Catholic School Teacher, I will teach Christ in my words and actions to my students and colleagues.

Arrival-

School starts at 7:45 a.m. Students who arrive after Mass must check in at the office. Each morning, students will be given morning work to do when they enter into the classroom as well as turn in any homework from the night before.

Homework-

Students will have a binder which will contain their agenda, homework, service hours, AR reading log, prayers, helpful classroom tools, and a weekly behavior log. The main source of communication of school work will be with the agenda. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure a parent signs both the agenda and the behavior log every night. The behavior log will be collected every Monday and a new log will be handed out. Students should become disciplined in setting aside time for daily study habits with AR reading, fact fluency practice, and practicing weekly vocab and spelling words.

Grades-

I do my best to keep grades updated to PowerSchool every week. They are available to view anytime. Please note that this is the first year students receive a letter grade. This adjustment takes time. Effort equals the grade and I am firm on that. Sometimes it may seem grades are lower than expected, but this could very easily be due to not having entered all assignments yet. A student's grade will consist of their tests, quizzes, homework, and participation. If there is concern that the student might fail, the parents will be contacted. Grade cards are distributed every quarter. The following is a guide for grading:

Grading Scale

A= 92-100

B= 83-91

C= 74-82

D= 65-73

F= 64 or below

Behavior-

Students will be on a checkmark system for individual behavior. This will be in a closed binder located at a designated spot in the room. A warning will always be given first and the student will be reminded of behavior expectations to correct the behavior before a mark in the book is necessary. A warning should not be seen as punishment since we all need reminded sometimes and nobody is perfect all of the time. Students will put a mark in the book anytime the rules are not followed.

Respect (R) - Respect yourself, others, and property.

Work (W) - Work hard at everything you do, complete your work, and work well with others.

Belong (B) - Always be where you belong and have all necessary materials for classes.

Tickets will be given to students who display good behavior and as an incentive to strive to not get a mark in the book. Tickets can be accumulated and redeemed for rewards that will be set together with the input from students on the first days of school. Students receive a ticket for getting their agenda signed and also if no marks go beyond a warning mark.

1 = warning, 2 = walk 5 minutes at recess, 3 = walk 10 minutes at recess, 4 = Behavior Plan. Students will fill out a reflection sheet from the back of the binder stating what choice was made and what a better choice would have been. Parents will be notified when the behavior plan is sent home. Students will bring this form home to be signed by a parent. On days I am free of recess duty, students will stay in for work to be caught up for 5 or 10 minutes depending on the marks rather than walking. If any consistent or serious misbehavior continues thereafter, it will be discussed with the principal, student and their parent.

For the whole group behavior plan there will be a marble jar to fill. This will take time to fill as the marbles can either go in or out depending on the class behavior as a whole. Prizes such as extra recess, free time on the computers, sit by a friend, etc. will be rewarded once the jar is full.

Library-

Students will be able to check out books on Tuesday mornings after Mass until 11am. Students have library every Thursday. If students do not bring their library book for that day, they will not be able to check out. Lost or damaged books should be reported to the teacher or librarian immediately.

Restroom-

Students will have the opportunity to use the restroom before they get started on their morning work after arrival. Students will not be allowed to use the restroom during Mass or direct instruction. There will be a scheduled restroom break in the

morning and again before lunch. Students can take unscheduled breaks during non-instruction times at the teacher discretion.

Service Hours-

Students are required to have 3 hours of service time per quarter. Service forms will be given to students at the beginning of every quarter to complete. This will be kept in their binder. Each hour is weighted as 5 pts., so 15 points every quarter goes towards their Religion grade.

Absence-

Students who are absent will have make up work to complete upon their return. If the student knows ahead of time that they are going to be absent, work will be sent with them for the day or days that they are gone. Students will be given one day to complete make-up work. If more time is needed, the teacher and student will discuss an extension.

Testing-

This year will be the first year for your child to take the Kansas State Assessment and Diocesan Religion Test. These assessments will measure how well your child meets the standards required by the State of Kansas and the Diocese of Wichita. Your child will have many opportunities to practice/review taking this test before test time arrives. The practice exercises and the actual test will all be online for state assessments and the Religion test. This time of year can be very stressful for your child, make sure to encourage them to do their best and congratulate them for their success and hard work.

Birthday Parties-

Birthdays that occur on days when school is not in session will be celebrated on the week before or after. Students with summer birthdays will be able to bring treats on their half birthday. Students can dress down on their special day. Please make sure if you bring treats that you follow the wellness guidelines and they are already in individual servings. We will most likely celebrate with treats at 3 p.m. as the schedule allows.

Communication-

I will make an effort to keep my webpage updated monthly with important announcements to keep you informed of what is going on in school. The best way to reach me is through my email lgoode@sjost.com or contacting me after school.

Together with the family, the parish, and each other, we will form each student into a disciple of Jesus Christ who seeks the truth, grows to love it, and learns to live it.

God bless,

Ms. Goode