

3rd Grade News

Burch Elementary

2015-2016

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Wonderful Welcome



The 3rd Grade Team is ready for a marvelous year! We think third grade is the BEST grade ever with great things to learn, more privileges, and more responsibilities. Our goal is for every child to be successful, happy and safe, to expand mastery of skills and content, to use creativity and imagination, to work successfully- both individually and in groups, and to develop responsibility and organization while becoming lifelong learners. It's going to be a great year!

Mrs. Parkinson Mrs. Mitchell

Has been teaching 23 years- 21 of them at Burch. She has taught 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. She enjoys interior decorating and travel. She loves spending time with her grandson.

Has been teaching for 27 years-14 of them at Burch. She has taught Pre-K, K, 1st, and 3rd grades. She enjoys skiing, bowling, and listening to music. She is a grandmother to 3 wonderful girls and 1 precious baby boy.

Mrs. Hill

Has been teaching for 4 years. She is beyond thrilled to be joining the Burch family this year. She enjoys reading, boating, walking her dog. She is a new mommy to her baby boy, Logan.

Mrs. Johnson

She has been teaching for 12 years in various Ga counties. This will be her first year at Burch! She has 2 daughters and enjoys traveling.

Mr. Justice

He has been teaching for 15 years. This is his fifth year teaching at Burch. He is married to a Fayette County teacher and has a 7 and 9 year old. He also coaches football at Flat Rock.

Fantastic Field trips

December

The Atlanta Ballet's Nutcracker approx. \$15.00

April

Cochran Mill Nature Center approx. \$13.00

We have room for 4-6 chaperones on each trip on a "first come" basis. Trips are subject to administrative approval and receipt of adequate funds.

Be your personal best. Be kind.

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Important Information

Curriculum- The third grade teachers plan together to ensure the use of research-based best practices throughout the curriculum. We also value the multiple intelligences and varying learning styles of individual students as well as the unique creativity and originality of each teacher. This fosters a positive learning environment catered to the distinct needs of each classroom. While all standards will be taught in all classrooms, the methods of presentation, student products, activities, and some assessments may vary from class to class. **Classwork**- assigned as practice or to demonstrate understanding. It can be an individual assignment or work for a group of students to complete cooperatively.

Classroom Discipline- based on Love and Logic and our Burch Bear Values (Be your personal best and be kind. As well as the Burch Code of Conduct, (I will keep others and myself safe. I will treat myself, others and property with respect. I will be honest. I will take responsibility for my actions. I will work and behave in a courteous manner that does not disrupt others.) We try to make any disciplinary issue a learning experience.

Homework- Begins August 10th. Assignments will be written in homework folders daily. Homework is not assigned on Friday. Completed homework is to be returned when due. Homework usually consists of two or three assignments that should take no longer than thirty minutes to complete. Unfinished classwork is always to be finished for homework.

Communication is Crucial

Folders- These will contain your child's graded work, updates from the teacher, notices from the school, and flyers from community organizations. These will be sent either daily or on Fridays depending on the teacher's classroom organizational practices.

"The Word from Third"- Our monthly grade newsletter will keep you updated on what we are learning and what is going on in our classrooms.

Online- Reference our school website (www.burchbears.org) and our grade level site (www.rjbgrade3.weebly.com) for frequently requested information and helpful links that support our curriculum and programs.

Email: parkinson.karen@mail.fcboe.org, mitchell.cindy@mail.fcboe.org, hill.ashley@mail.fcboe.org, johnson.kayla@mail.fcboe.org (The office requests that you don't use email for transportation changes.)

Phone- (770)969-2820 (Leave a message and your call will be returned asap)

Important Information



Grades-fall into three categories. Classwork counts 50% and includes in-class assignments, participation and informal assessments. Weekly homework participation counts 5%. End of unit tests, reports and/or projects count 45%. (Most, if not all projects will be completed in class.)

Student work

responsibilities- giving their personal best effort, doing their classwork and homework neatly, putting their names on the top right corner of their papers, and turning in work on time and in appropriate places.

Absences- If an absence causes your child to miss an item of work that needs to be made up, it will be sent home.