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# HOMework: REDEFINED

## *Cultivating Scholars & Well-Rounded Children*

Our third graders will embark on a rigorous academic journey this year. Our school days will be strategically packed with curriculum, and we know that our scholars will be working really hard while they are with us! Therefore, we will not be assigning traditional homework this year.

Rather than traditional style homework, we ask that you spend your evenings doing things that are proven to correlate with student success: eat dinner as a family, read together, play outside, and get your child to bed early. This new approach to homework allows students to tolerate a rigorous day of learning within the classroom and encourages them to pursue their unique interests after-school ranging from sports to nature-inspired activities.

Our new approach to homework will be more individualized and meaningful to students and families. The following guidelines will be in place:

- Homework will consist only of work that your child did not finish during the school day.
- Since third graders are expected to understand multiplication and division facts (0-10), we are recommending that students spend some time each day reviewing these facts for at least the first trimester. Scholars will have the freedom to choose how they wish to practice: games, apps, websites, etc.
- Monthly reading logs will be available should your scholar wish to keep track of the books that he/she has read outside of school. These logs will be celebrated and acknowledged with "Mustang Money" when returned.
- Math study guides will be available before unit tests.
- Enrichment and intervention materials and suggestions will be available upon request.

This new approach to homework is intended to reinforce student learning without the drama and tears. Family time is important! Students should have time to be creative thinkers at home and follow their passions. After all, isn't the point of childhood to have fun and learn in a multitude of ways?

We look forward to an exciting year of learning!

Thank you for your support,

*The Third Grade Team*