

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year!! I am so excited to start a new school year 2023-2024 with your third grader at Camp Learn-A-Lotta! I am looking forward to seeing what God has planned for our upcoming year. We have so many wonderful things planned, and we will all learn so much! The huge thing is that your child will have their multiplication facts memorized & will have fantastic cursive writing. We will start working on multiplication fact families soon. Please partner with your camper (child) & me once we dive into memorizing all multiplication facts. This will equip them to be success in math and will keep frustrations to a minimum when we start doing long division in the 4th quarter.



Chapel: Our first chapel will be on August 23rd. Chapel wear will be enforced in a couple of weeks since we have a lot of new students waiting for their chapel sweaters. The students are permitted to wear navy blue shorts and do not have to wear their sweaters on hot days

Bible and Bible Verse: Each day we will have a Bible lesson at the beginning of the day. There will also be Bible verse for the week that the children are to memorize before Friday. A Bible verse test will be *every Friday* unless otherwise noted.

Planners/homework: Your child is to bring their planner to school each day along with any homework that may be due. Homework packets will be due on Friday inside their Friday folders. I give full credit for packets turned in on time. Homework packets will go home the first quarter so that students get used to the homework expectations. Nightly homework will go home starting the second quarter or once the students have established excellent homework habits. The packet will include Practicing memorizing the Bible verse for the week, the math homework will be based on the lessons of the week, spelling or vocabulary and reading a chapter book for at least 30 minutes) The homework will be written inside the planner each day. Homework will be assigned on Monday-Thursday only. Unfinished classwork may come home from time to time should a student not complete it during the given time to do so. Extra time is usually given so that each student can successfully complete their assignments at school.

Math: We will do math lesson each day. The students complete a page out of their math workbook and will have a math homework page that gives practice on the concept learned in class. Math homework is to be accurately completed & returned the following day. Please check the homework for accuracy. Your help and support of this is greatly appreciated. Please let me know via email should you have any questions about the homework or anything about anything else. I will let you know ahead of time as to when there will be math quiz or a test

Language Arts: On most weeks (unless noted) we will have a Journey's story, spelling words, vocabulary words & a language focus. Tests will be each Friday. Homework in this area will be to read a chapter book for 30 + minutes each night, write spelling word or vocabulary sentences. This will help the students be better prepared for Friday's tests. Lined paper will come home inside your child's homework folder.

Science and Social Studies/History: The students will be learning some fascinating things Science and Social Studies! The Social Studies curriculum is new this year and I know the students will really enjoy it a lot. I will keep you posted as to when there is an upcoming quiz or test coming up. Your child will be equipped to prepare for them by bringing items home so they can study.

Music and P.E. Music will be on Tuesday and Fridays & P.E. will be on Mondays and Thursdays—Students can wear the Bethany School spirit/P.E shirt from past years or current their current one once they are received.

Field Trips/projects: I will let you know what field trips that will be planned & I will alert you of any projects coming up as the year unfolds. Parent chaperones will be needed for any upcoming field trips, and your time counts towards partnership hours.

Communication: Keeping the lines of communication is very important. Please let me know via email should you need to communicate with me. I will reply to your email as soon as I can. (usually at lunch time, during the student's music or P.E. time or after school. (I do my best to check my email before school, too.) Please let me know via email if your child will be absent along with the reason for their absence. Be sure to get approval from Principal Poole should you anticipate your child will be absent for any other reason other than an illness. This is usually for an extended period of time outside of scheduled vacation/holidays.

Snacks, lunches and water: Please send your child to school each day with healthy/nutritious items for snack and lunch time along with a water bottle filled with fresh, cold water each day. I find that the metal hydro flask type of water bottles are best at keeping water cold and leak free.

Got Nutritious/Healthy Snacks?

Here is a great list of things they can bring!

fruits, veggies, yogurt, cheese sticks, pretzels, crackers, goldfish, low sugar granola bars, rice cakes, etc.

We talked as a class about how eating healthy/nutritious foods feeds our brains and helps us feel and perform a lot better than things that are high in sugar or fat. We also talked about how pleasing it is to God to eat healthy as much as we can. Thank you in advance for sending your child to school with nutritious items each day.

Again, welcome! I have had to opportunity meet many of you all ready and I am eager to meet you if I haven't already. Let's have a fantastic and fun school year at Third Grade Camp-Learn-A-Lotta !

Lovingly Serving Him,

Mrs. Beall