



### **Class Overview 3rd Grade**

In third grade, students are expected to have a solid understanding and strong foundation in math, language arts, science and social studies to begin learning more difficult concepts in all these subjects. Third graders are expected to have math fact fluency in order to move on to complex problems. Reading comprehension skills are taken to new levels this year as students are now reading to learn.

**MATH:** Rounding/ Place Value, Adding and Subtracting, Multiplication/ Division, Fractions, Geometry/ Shapes, Telling Time, Measurement and Data

**Writing:** Writing process, Expository, Persuasive, Narrative, Descriptive

**Reading:** Ask questions, Recount stories, Describe characters, Understand meaning of words, Compare and contrast, Distinguish your own point of view of a story.

**Science** Earth Science (universe), Life science (ecosystem, living organisms), Climate and weather.

**Social Studies:** Culture, Change, People, Places, Environments, Individual Development and Identity, Groups, Institutions, Power, Authority, Governance, Production, Distribution and Consumption.

**Religion:** Morality, Prayer, History, Creed, Sacraments.

**Schedule:** We will be working from 8:00 am – 2:45 pm everyday. The class schedule will be posted on the google sites.

## **Class Overview 4th Grade**

In fourth grade, students are expected to have a solid understanding and strong foundation in math, language arts, science and social studies to begin learning more difficult concepts in all these subjects. In the fourth grade, cognitive and creative skills will be stimulated to grow socially and academically. There will be many new activities and lessons that your child will explore in the fourth grade.

**MATH:** Tackle increasingly difficult fractions, multiplication and division using multiple digits. Begin geometry and algebra. Learn how to collect data and convert the information into graphs, charts and tables. Solve word problems that require logical-thinking skills and calculations.

**Writing:** Writing process, Expository, Persuasive, Narrative, Descriptive. Continue to build vocabulary. Learn synonyms, antonyms and homonyms.

**Reading:** Demonstrate understanding of the themes of a book by writing a book report. Become familiar with a wide variety of stories such as fiction, non-fiction, myths, fables, poems, biographies and more. Increasingly use research materials to tackle a variety of subjects including fourth grade science and history.

**Science:** Energy, waves, plants and animals, and earths systems.

**Social Studies:** Change, People, Places, Environments, Individual Development and Identity, Groups, Institutions, Power, Authority, Governance, Production, Distribution and Consumption. Study American history and historical figures. Learn about other cultures around the world. Learn how to read maps. Know the geography of the U.S.

**Religion:** Morality, Prayer, History, Creed, Sacraments.

## Need to contact me?

The best way to contact me is via email at [aalvarez@olpeaceschool.org](mailto:aalvarez@olpeaceschool.org) or through the main line at Our Lady of Peace at 818-894-4059. Parents will also be able to reach out to me through our messaging platform on Classdojo. Feel free to leave a message, though classdojo is the best way to reach me. I will do my best to return your call or email as soon as possible.

## Classroom Rules

### *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*

- **Be Polite.** Please respect yourself, your classmates, the teacher, and anyone else in our classroom at all times. Use appropriate language. Treat others the way you hope to be treated. To earn respect, be the first to give it. Our Lady of Peace has a zero tolerance for bullying.
- **Be Prepared.** Come to class ready to work with textbooks, supplies, and assignments.
- **Be Prompt.** Students need to be in their seats, ready to learn. Please manage time wisely, and use the bathroom during breaks.
- **Be Productive.** Students need to come prepared to participate in the lesson and activities each day. Stay on task during class periods. Use class time wisely. Follow instructions and always complete assignments on time.

## Absent/Tardy Policy:

- **Absences-** If you are absent, keep in mind that you create more work for yourself. Whether the absence is excused or unexcused, each student is responsible for making up any work missed.
- **Tardies-** **If you are not in your seat ready to work, you are tardy. This also applies to our zoom sessions.** Habitual tardies affect your graded participation, and missed class time may consequently affect your letter grade. Do your best to not be late.

### **Grades:**

Grades and attendance can be checked online through Gradelink. Grades are sent out to inform of progress, and semester grades are your child's official and final grades in that class for the term. Daily assignments are graded by a point system. Homework, classwork and participation are graded as 1 point, or more depending on the amount of work. Students will receive their grade based on the quality of the work, and student effort. Not all assignment grades will be shown on google classroom, therefore it is very important to check Gradelink weekly. Please be patient with grading.

### **Homework:**

Complete homework is due the night it is assigned, unless noted otherwise. Failure to turn it in results in a zero. **Late work is accepted but points will be deducted**. Late work from only the CURRENT quarter/grading period will be accepted. Please remind the student when turning in late work. If you do not reach out to the teacher you will not receive the credit for the make-up work. Students will be reminded that such late work must be submitted no later than two days before the end of the grading period unless asked otherwise.

### **Silent Reading:**

Make sure to bring a school-appropriate book/magazine/comic/graphic novel you enjoy for silent reading **Everyday. Students also have access to EPIC.**

### **Quizzes and Tests:**

If you are absent on a test or quiz day, you must make it up as soon as possible. See me when you need to make up a quiz or test. In addition, quizzes and tests are made for the teacher to see the level and understanding of each student in all subjects. All tests and quizzes are made differently. The amount of questions will vary per test and quiz. Tests and quizzes will be graded by a point

system. Depending on the students score and test total, the students score will be transferred as a percentage.

**Extra Information:**

Students are expected to take care of their restroom needs during recess/lunch/passing periods. **Cell phones, Ipads and other similar devices must be undetected in class, unless they have been pre-approved for the classroom use by the teacher or for class assignments.** Any other items that become a distraction, such as make-up, toys, pets, or food, is not allowed in class.

Here's to a blessed year at Our Lady of Peace!!