

## Parents-

*Welcome to third grade!* We are very excited about the upcoming school year, and look forward to working with you to provide a positive educational experience for your child. The best thing will be to plan to join us on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for Parents' Night. This information is provided to highlight a few important topics, and help the school year begin smoothly. You will also be receiving monthly updates in our third grade newsletter.

<i>Communication</i>	Contact us through email or written note in order to schedule a conference.
<i>Homework</i>	Written daily in your child's agenda located in their red folder. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Missing Homework: Students receive an M in the study habits section of the report card if they miss 4 or more homework assignments per grading cycle.</li></ul>
<i>Grading/ Gradespeed</i>	<i>Gradespeed</i> online gradebook used to view your child's current grades and averages. It is available at all times. <i>If you are unable to gain access to Gradespeed, please inform your child's teacher.</i> Retests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No retests on skill checks, spelling tests, science labs/notebooks, math fact drills, journals, projects or STAAR practice tests.</li><li>○ Students that receive a failing grade will be given one opportunity to redo the assignment. The higher of the two grades will be recorded in <i>Gradespeed</i> up to a 70.</li><li>○ May be given in a different format/style than the original assignment.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily work and tests are not weighted; they are counted equally.</li><li>• The final Language Arts grades are weighted 67% language and 33% spelling.</li></ul>
<i>Communication Wednesdays</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graded papers and important handouts will be taken home in a red plastic folder known as "The Communicator" every Wednesday.</li><li>• Please review this material with your child regarding his/her work.</li><li>• Send the empty "Communicator" folder back to school on Thursday.</li></ul>

<p>Discipline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students begin each grading period with an “E” in conduct and will adhere to the school wide Bush Principles of Discipline Plan.</li> <li>• Any necessary conduct marks will be recorded on the conduct sheet located in your child’s homework folder.</li> <li>• At the end of each week, review the conduct, sign your acknowledgment, and return the red folder Monday. Unsigned conduct sheets will be considered an incomplete homework assignment.</li> <li>• In order for students to attend class field trips, they must maintain an E/S average in conduct from the 5 weeks prior to permission slips being sent out.</li> </ul>
<p>Attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School starts at 7:30 A.M. Attendance is taken daily at 9:00 A.M.</li> <li>• Students miss important instruction when absent.</li> <li>• Bush loses significant funding if attendance drops below 98%. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ If your child is ill: A written note is required within <u>three days</u> or it is considered an <i>unexcused absence</i>.</li> <li>◦ Extended absence: You must notify your child’s teacher ahead of time and provide a written note.</li> <li>◦ Leaving Early: Notify us in advance if your child will be leaving early. Your child will not be called to leave early any time after 2:15 pm.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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