

Dear Room 20 Parents and Families,

Welcome to third grade at Dearborn Elementary Charter Academy! Third grade is an exciting time as these children embark on new adventures in the world of learning. I hope to make your child's learning experience in third grade a fun and exciting time. Below, please find an introduction into our classroom schedule, routine, and procedures.

Class Schedule

07:52 a.m. - 8:15: a.m.: Breakfast in the Classroom/Morning Work

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.: ELD Instruction

9:15 a.m. - 10:00: Language Arts Instruction

10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.: Recess

10:20 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.: Language Arts Instruction

11:00 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.: MyMath/Engage New York Instruction

12:25 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.: Science/Health/Social Studies/Physical Education

(Out of the classroom schedule (library, computer lab, music, etc.) is to be determined.)

Physical Education Schedule (Subject to Change)

Monday: 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (30 Minutes)

Wednesday: 8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. (30 Minutes - P.E. WITH MR. PRAY)

Thursday: 9:20 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (40 Minutes)

Friday: 10:25 a.m. - 11:25 p.m. (60 Minutes - PSYCHOMOTOR/ZUMBA)

(PLEASE have your child dressed in appropriate clothing and sneakers on these days!)

Attendance

Attending school each and every day (on time) is of the utmost importance in your child's education. New skills are learned daily, and your child can fall behind very quickly if they have poor attendance. Please make sure your child is in line by 7:48 a.m. (warning bell) and in my classroom by 7:52 a.m. Although Dearborn encourages excellent attendance, we do understand if illnesses or personal emergencies arise. It is imperative that a note excusing your child's absence is sent to school on the day they return. Make-up work and homework will have a one day due date extension.

Behavior Policy

In the classroom, I have implemented these five rules and consequences to follow:

1. Listen when someone is talking.
2. Follow directions quickly and quietly.

3. Respect yourself. Respect others. Respect your school.
4. Raise your hand to speak to the class.
5. Be safe. Be honest.

Classroom Consequences

1st Time You Choose Not To Follow A Rule

Consequence: A Verbal Warning

2nd Time You Choose Not To Follow A Rule

Consequence: A Check on the Student's Behavior Log

3rd Time You Choose Not To Follow A Rule

Consequence: A Check on Behavior Log, Parent Conference Requested

Severe Clause: Any sort of physical harm or bullying directed at another student will send student directly to the Principal's Office and a call home.

The above "Behavior Log" referenced is in correlation to Dearborn's Weekly Conduct Report to be sent home every Thursday and returned on Friday signed..

Positive Behavior Reinforcement

The use of positive narration in the classroom will be used as I look to reinforce my instructions and procedures in a constructive way, drawing attention to desired behavior instead of misbehavior. Students will have the opportunity to earn tickets in which can be redeemed for prizes such as: No Homework Pass, Computer/iPad Time, Stinky Feet, Show and Share, Line Leader, Wear a Hat in Class, and SO MUCH MORE! Tickets will not only be rewarded when I observe superb citizenship, but also when a student successfully passes a test or returns certain notices sent home! 10 Tickets = 1 Prize Coupon.

Homework

Language Arts and Math Homework will be assigned daily. Every Monday, each child will come home with a Newsletter which highlights upcoming events, spelling words (beginning August 28th), and a breakdown of homework assignments. Occasionally, there will be Science, Social Studies and/or Health Homework assigned. If your child loses their Newsletter, it will be available on my classroom website, www.roldanroom20.weebly.com. Lastly, every third grader should be reading 20 minutes per night, minimum!

Grading Scale

4 = Student is proficient at standards and goes above what is expected: 96-100%

3 = Student is proficient at grade level standards: 70-95%

2 = Student is partially proficient at grade level standards: 57-69%

1 = Student is not proficient at standards: Below 57%

Healthy School and Classroom Policy

Dearborn Elementary Charter Academy will be enforcing the LAUSD "healthy eating" policy. A student celebrating their birthday may not bring cupcakes, cookies, or sweets to our classroom. Students wishing to celebrate their birthday may bring a healthy treat like fruit or vegetables for all to enjoy. The item(s) must be store bought and in their original packaging! If you wish to bring a healthy snack, please arrange a day with me to come ten minutes before the end of the school day to pass out the treats.

Communication

Communication in my classroom is key to your child's success! To help keep you informed, I will be using a text-reminder application that will allow me to periodically send out classroom and school reminders via text message. To participate in receiving text messages, simply text 81010 with the message @mrsroldan. For those not interested in using this text reminder system in place, I will also be available via e-mail at erica.strand@lausd.net or at a pre-arranged parent conference before or after school.

Classroom Website

Our classroom website can be found at www.roldanroom20.weebly.com. It is here you will find information about upcoming events, assignments, and additional resources. Please keep this website bookmarked and check back frequently.

Volunteers

Under LAUSD mandate, any parent that would like to volunteer in the classroom or go on any field trips during the year, must have a current TB test and volunteer application on file in the school office.

Classroom Wish List

These supplies help enrich our classroom instruction and programs. Many of these items are consumable and must be replaced throughout the school year. Any donation you can contribute is greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

- Gift Certificates to Lakeshore, TeachersPayTeachers, or Target
 - Disinfectant Wipes
 - Baby Wipes
 - Crayola Color Pencils (12 or 24 Count)
 - Kid Scissors
 - Expo Dry Erase Markers
 - Fine Point Black Sharpie Markers
 - Kleenex Boxes
 - Hand Sanitizer - Antibacterial Pump

I look forward to an exciting year!
Mrs. Roldan