



Third Grade Welcome Letter!

All About 3rd Grade!

Welcome to third grade! We are eager to work as a “teacher and parent” team to help make your child’s overall learning experience a positive and challenging one. Third grade is a critical year and can be very difficult for students. The material will be more in depth and rigorous. Students will be taking the Georgia Milestones Test this year and are expected to pass the reading portion of this test in order to be promoted to the fourth grade. Remember the educational process begins at home. To help build on that education, we need a helping hand from home— that hand belongs to you!

General Curriculum Overview

Language Arts - Our reading series is called Benchmark Literacy. We will read several stories that align with the standards and participate in activities to enhance the students’ reading and comprehension skills. We will also be working with graphic organizers such as character maps and Venn diagrams. There will be a reading test once per week. During reading class, we will also spend time developing our phonetic, vocabulary, and spelling skills. Most importantly, we will be working to develop your child’s writing.

Math - Envision is our math series this year. We focus on place value, rounding numbers, regrouping with addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, graphing, geometry, measurement, time, and fractions.

Social Studies - We will read, study, and participate in lessons about the United States. This includes understanding of: historical, geographic, government/civic, and economics.

Science - This year we will be learning about physical attributes of rocks and soil, fossils, heat energy, habitats in Georgia, and pollution and conservation.

Homework Policy

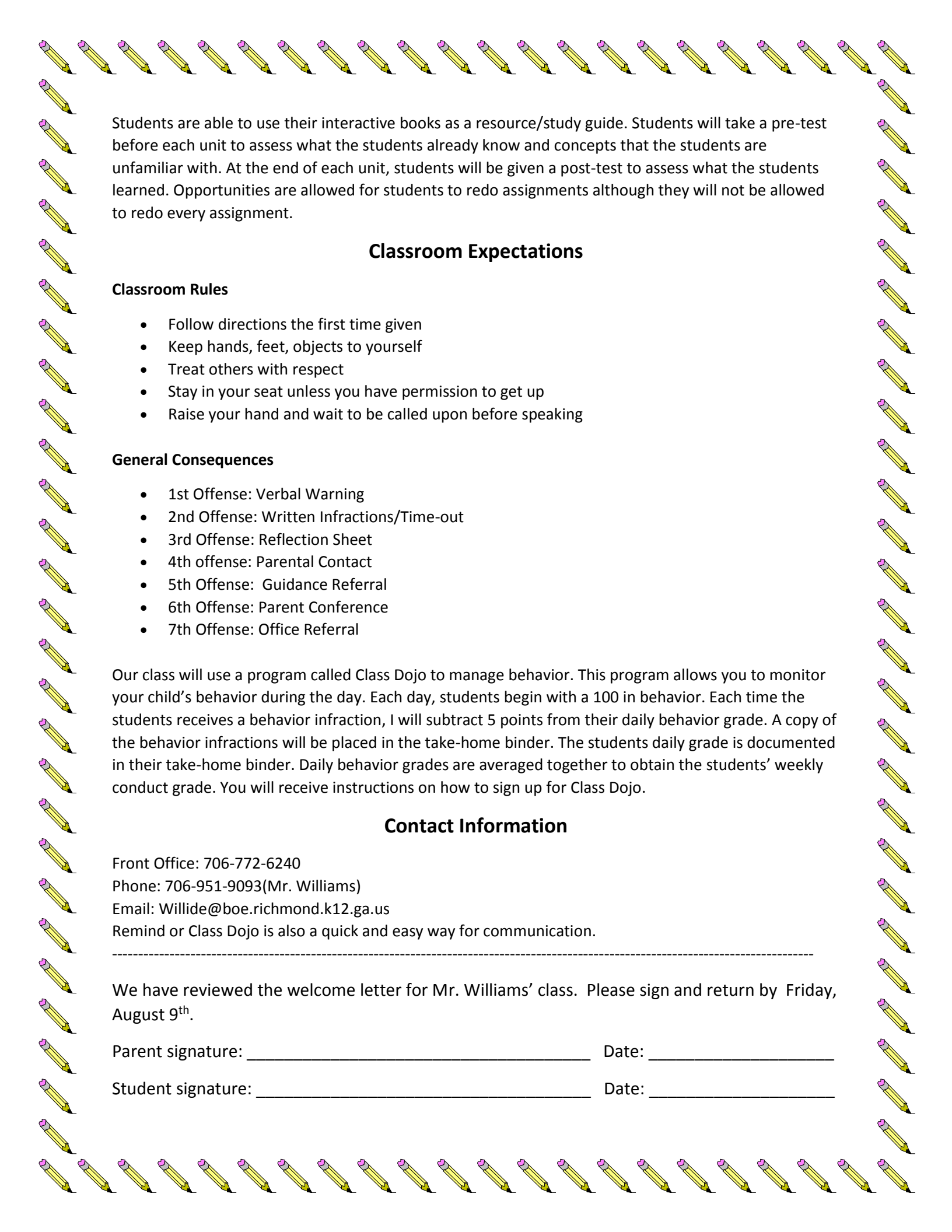
Students will be given at least 30 minutes of homework daily. Homework can be found in your child’s homework folder. Parents are expected to view it daily with their child and sign their name at the bottom of the page, ensuring that all work has been completed.

Academic Progress

Students’ classwork will be sent home every Wednesday. This will enable you to monitor your child’s progress routinely.

Course Assessment Plan

Students will be given both formal and informal assessments. The majority of the formal assessments will be given on Friday. Assessments will include the following: spelling tests, comprehension tests, quizzes, math timed tests, etc. Students will have constructed response questions for Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies that they will be required to answer using the ACES strategy. Interactive books will be utilized so that students can document standards and concepts that they learn.



Students are able to use their interactive books as a resource/study guide. Students will take a pre-test before each unit to assess what the students already know and concepts that the students are unfamiliar with. At the end of each unit, students will be given a post-test to assess what the students learned. Opportunities are allowed for students to redo assignments although they will not be allowed to redo every assignment.

Classroom Expectations

Classroom Rules

- Follow directions the first time given
- Keep hands, feet, objects to yourself
- Treat others with respect
- Stay in your seat unless you have permission to get up
- Raise your hand and wait to be called upon before speaking

General Consequences

- 1st Offense: Verbal Warning
- 2nd Offense: Written Infractions/Time-out
- 3rd Offense: Reflection Sheet
- 4th offense: Parental Contact
- 5th Offense: Guidance Referral
- 6th Offense: Parent Conference
- 7th Offense: Office Referral

Our class will use a program called Class Dojo to manage behavior. This program allows you to monitor your child's behavior during the day. Each day, students begin with a 100 in behavior. Each time the students receives a behavior infraction, I will subtract 5 points from their daily behavior grade. A copy of the behavior infractions will be placed in the take-home binder. The students daily grade is documented in their take-home binder. Daily behavior grades are averaged together to obtain the students' weekly conduct grade. You will receive instructions on how to sign up for Class Dojo.

Contact Information

Front Office: 706-772-6240

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Remind or Class Dojo is also a quick and easy way for communication.

We have reviewed the welcome letter for Mr. Williams' class. Please sign and return by Friday, August 9th.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____