

Welcome Back to School Info From the Desk of Mrs. Linda Van Becelaere

THIRD GRADE GOALS

Grow in faith
Learn to read and read to learn
Practice a variety of writing skills
Master basic facts with speed and accuracy

COMMUNICATION

Student Planner
Email Newsletters and Notices
School Webpage www.presentation-parish.org
Student Information Card
Tell Me about Your Child
Calls Home
Notes Home
Email - lvanbecelaere@presentation-parish.org

HOME FOLDER— The home folder is **red** and goes home and comes back to school every day.
Home Folder info:

Left side -- Stay at Home (office papers, checked and graded papers)
Right side -- Return to School (homework, lunch money, permissions slips, book orders, or anything that needs to come back to school)

Please check the home folder regularly.

RED NOTEBOOK - The red notebook goes home and comes back to school every day. Most class work and homework is done in our red spiral notebooks. We fill it up with lots of important work so it needs to be replaced with a new red spiral notebook every quarter.

STUDENT PLANNER - The Planner is red too and goes home and comes back to school every day. Students copy their homework assignments from the board into their planners. They need to use this information to get their homework done correctly and completely. I check and initial the planner before it goes home. Parents check to see if the work is complete and sign the planners every night.

HOMEWORK - 30 to 40 minutes a night -examples of kinds of homework include:

Reinforce or practice skills taught at school
Finish work
Practice basic facts, independent reading, and study for tests
Projects

Children need to check their work for the 4Cs:
correct, complete, careful, and creative

INDEPENDENT READING -- Besides increasing reading ability, independent reading is one of the best ways to improve grammar, spelling, writing, and creativity.

Library- Library time is on **Monday** afternoon. Children check out three library books every week (two AR books and one free choice book). -- The children may take their library books home, but they must **bring them back to school every day** for AR and free time reading.

Accelerated Reading - AR will focus on beginning chapter books, longer chapter books, and nonfiction books at your child's level.

Children need to earn ten or more AR points per quarter (most earn more) with an average of 85% or more comprehension accuracy. That's a little more than one point per week.

You can check each AR quiz progress report that comes home for total points and percent correct to see how your child is keeping up.

Reading Calendars--A Student Reading Log Calendar will be sent home at the beginning of each month October through March.

Read 225 or more minutes **at home every month**

Initial the date boxes on the days your child reads

Add up the minutes, sign the calendar, and return the reading calendar at the beginning of each month

Book Orders

Go home once every other month

Send the order form with exact cash or a check made payable to 'Scholastic Books' in an envelope labeled with your child's name.

DISCIPLINE

Presentation CARES and Christian Character Traits

Behavior Intervention Strategies

Problem Solving Skills

Bullying Prevention Program

VIPs - Our children are Very Iimportant Persons

VIPs fill out an All About Me page and bring 5 to 10 photographs to post on the VIP board to share with their classmates.

VIP's can bring a 'show and tell' item to share on Friday.

The children celebrate their VIP week near their birthdays or half birthdays.

GRADES

First Quarter -- +s, Ss and Checks

+ means excellent or very good

S means good or satisfactory

Check means needs improvement

Second, Third, and Fourth Quarters -- Percents and Letter Grades

SNACKS

Children may bring a snack to school to eat during afternoon recess or on half days during morning recess.

WELCOME—LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

