

## **Community Building:** The first four days have been jam packed with activities to teach our students the third grade routines and build a community that is safe and conductive for learning. We have gotten off to a great start!

## A few routines introduced this week were:

## \*Morning Meeting (proper greeting, share, activity/game, morning message)

## \*Using the bathroom/getting water

## \*Fire drill practice

## \*Dismissal sheet procedure

## \*Cafeteria expectations

## \*Hallway travel expectations

## \*Finding and using classroom materials

## A few community building activities we did this week were:

## \*3rd grade time (activities with all classes)

## \*Writing our third grade hopes and dreams

## \*Creating our classroom rules, so that everyone can achieve their hopes and dreams for the year.

## **Next Week: We start the bulk of our academic subjects! Here is a quick snapshot of some basics …**

## **Math:** We start investigation 1, things that come in groups! The main math idea is for kids to understand the meaning of multiplication.

## **Reading:** We will launch our reader’s workshop. Kids will learn all about our classroom library and guided reading routines. We will talk about book genre’s and basic comprehension skills: visualization, retelling, and questioning.

## **Writing:** We will start our Narrative writing unit! You can start brainstorming TRUE stories about your student with them at home. (Examples: “The time I went on a rollar coaster”, “The time I caught my first fish”, “The time I broke my leg!”

Sincerely,

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**While you’re sitting around the dinner table, ask your child…**

- What was your job in the classroom this week?

- How did your class create classroom rules?

- What is your mailbox number?

-What do you like best about 3rd grade so far?

-What are the names of all of the kids at your table?

Snapshot of the Week:

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## **Important Dates…**