

August 26, 2024

Dear Families,

It is with pleasure that I welcome you and your child to my third-grade class and to an exciting new school year! I am a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) entering my twenty-second year of teaching. I have high expectations for your child and he/she will be challenged to do his/her best on all assignments and assessments throughout the school year. I have many innovative and stimulating activities planned for this year, and with your support, we can do awesome things! Your child will be expected to pass the End of Grade tests at the end of the school year, show growth, and work to his/ her greatest potential!

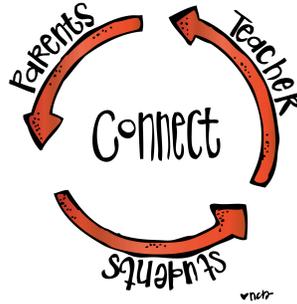
Attached, you will find some very important information that needs your prompt attention. Please review the information with your child as well.

You may contact me via ClassDojo, e-mail, or phone if you have any questions or concerns. All of my contact information is included on the next page and can be found on my webpage at <https://www.halifax.k12.nc.us/Domain/274>. If you are not already connected, please connect to my class via ClassDojo. I will use ClassDojo regularly to post essential information. I look forward to a positive partnership with you and your child this school year. It is imperative that we support each other throughout the school year so your child will be successful in third grade.

Educationally Yours,

Sandra Shoulars, *NBCT*

Connect with Mrs. Sandra Shoulars



- ClassDojo: www.classdojo.com (preferred method)
- E-mail: shoularss@pi.halifax.k12.nc.us
- Pittman Elementary Leadership Academy: 252-445-5268
- Mrs. Shoulars' Webpage: <https://www.halifax.k12.nc.us/Domain/274>



Monday-Friday

2:40 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.

Any contacts made after 4:00 p.m. will be responded to the next business day or when I return to school.

Behavior, Rules, and Procedures

Your child is expected to be on his/ her best behavior at all times. Please encourage your child to listen, follow directions, and pay attention in class. Playing, excessive talking, being disrespectful, using profanity, or anything else that is inappropriate is not allowed in Room 5. Our classroom rules are as follows:

Classroom Rules

- Raise your hand to speak.
- Always be prepared for class.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Always ask before leaving the classroom.
- Respect everyone!

The students are expected to follow these rules at all times! If a rule is broken after reminders, your child will have consequences. The consequences are as follows:

Consequences

- Verbal Warning
- Subtract ClassDojo Points
- Strike on PBIS Log
- Contact Parents
- Refer to Student Support Services
- Conference with Principal
- Suspension

Attendance

Attendance is very important! Please make sure your child is present and on time daily. The school day begins at 7:35 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Students will be marked tardy after 8:15 a.m. If your child is absent, please send a note to the school for the day of the absence. If your child is sick, please keep them at home until they are well.

Read to Achieve Program

The state of North Carolina has implemented a program called Read to Achieve for 3rd grade students. The goal of this program is to ensure that every student reads at or above grade level by the end of 3rd grade. By law, your child must pass the reading portion of the End of Grade test in order to be promoted to 4th grade. If he/she doesn't pass, he/ she will have opportunities to retest. Summer Camp will also be an option. However, if your child doesn't pass the test, there is a possibility that he/she could be retained in 3rd grade. More information can be found at <https://www.halifax.k12.nc.us/Page/90>.

Although math is not included in this law, math is still very important and your child will be expected to pass the test.

Homework

Homework is very important! Please read with your child each day for at least 30 minutes! Your child will be assigned homework Monday-Friday. He/ she will be expected to return the completed homework to school inside the "Homework Folder" the following day. I will collect homework daily. Each afternoon, your child must copy his/ her homework from the board and write it in his/her Student Planner. It is your child's responsibility to make sure he/ she has all materials or books needed for homework that night. If your child does not bring in homework, he/ she will have a consequence. Please make homework a priority and make sure your child gets the homework completed. **Feel free to assist your child with homework by answering questions, but please refrain from completing the homework for him/ her. Homework is to be done in your child's handwriting to receive a grade.** Please remember that homework will be an extension of what was taught in class and will be assigned to benefit your child. Please sign the Student Planner daily.

ClassDojo

ClassDojo is my preferred method of contact with parents and students. It is a classroom communication app used to connect parents, teachers, and students. I will post announcements, links, photos, videos, etc. I will also send messages to you and you can send messages to me. ClassDojo is a great tool to help us communicate and stay connected throughout the school year so please connect to the class if you are not already connected. If you have questions, please let me know.

Binders

Binders will be sent home daily with your child. It will include class notes, assignments, homework, etc. Please make sure that your child takes care of his/ her binder and brings it to school each day. This binder will help your child stay organized.

Please cut and return this portion to Mrs. Shoulars by Friday, 8/30/2024.

I have read and reviewed the 3rd grade expectations with my child. My child and I know and understand the expectations.

Date _____

Child's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

Comments: _____
