

**Lunch**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup> graders have the same lunch period. For the first half of the year, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders eat first, then go out on the playground. For the second half of the year, 4<sup>th</sup> graders eat first, then go out on the playground.
- Students place their lunch order each morning and pay for it by either using an internet payment program ([www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net)) or with cash.
- There is no snack time in the classroom.
- There will continue to be a peanut-free table in the cafeteria.

**Aftercare**

- Since aftercare is located at Godwin School, students participating in this Program will need to walk over to Godwin by themselves and cross at the crosswalk. (on the first day we walk them across so they see how it works)

**Noteworthy Facts**

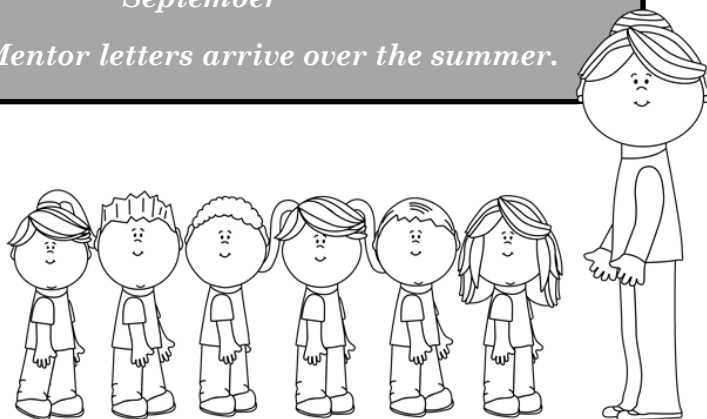
*Grades 3 & 4 are 1:1 with Chromebooks*

*1st year of the NJSLA State Assessment*

*Students Receive Letter Grades*

*Bagel breakfast with the Principal in the beginning of September*

*Students Mentor letters arrive over the summer.*



3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE



*Highland School*

Parent  
Orientation

June 5, 2019

### Homework Assignments

- HW Assigned daily; Monday– Thursday
- Students copy homework from the board into their planners
- Students hand in homework each day
- Please check that homework is completed each night
- Homework builds routine, responsibility, and independence

### Class work

- Strengthens/builds reading and math skills
- Critical ***thinking skills*** practiced in all content areas
- More time locating meaning from text & showing evidence
- More time following written directions
- More time working independently
- Station work allows for more intimate teaching time
- Accountable for work missed when out of classroom

### Study/Organizational Skills

- Proper headings (names, date) on papers
- Note taking/copying facts from the board
- Studying from notebook
- Learn test-taking strategies
- Quizzes and tests given frequently

### Summer Tips for Future Third Graders

- **READ! READ! READ! (Extremely beneficial)**
- Complete summer reading (no math packet)
- Do not be afraid to brush up on those Math ADDITION and SUBTRACTION facts (Memorization is KEY!)
- Teachers will give the children a walking tour of the building to help them acclimate during the 1st week of school.

### First Day of School

- Parents should leave their child at the front entrance of the Highland School on the first day only. After that, they will line up inside the fenced in playground area.
- Parents should not enter the school with their child.

### Start of School:

- Drop off no earlier than 8am. First bell rings at 8:20am.
- Students assemble by playground lot.
- Please do not drop off in front of school, utilize the municipal lot.

### Enrichment

- Formal enrichment push in for the entire grade level for 1 marking period.
- Formal pull out enrichment program for approximately 10% of students who test into the program.
- Currently, students are selected via a performance matrix based on multiple year teacher recommendations, report cards, InView test, Renzulli Hartman Rating Scale for Behaviors of Superior Students, as well as, other formal and informal criteria.
- The Enrichment Program is fluid. All students in grades 3-6 are reassessed every year for inclusion.

### Basic Skills Instruction

- Reading and Math intervention follows a Push-in or Pull-Out model.
- Basic Skills is for students with serious gaps in their learning.
- Students will be selected based on teacher recommendations and assessments given at the start of the year.
- The lessons support the skills currently being taught in the classroom, but will also address specific student needs.

*“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”*

*-Benjamin Franklin*