

Welcome to
Adolphus
Elementary

2023-2024



Meet the Team



Communication!

We value YOU!



Conference Period **9:00-9:50 am**



Set an appointment via e-mail or phone call (832-223-4700)



Weekly Newsletters and important dates (such as major tests) will be added and/or sent through Canvas



Graded work and other information will be sent home on Tuesday in your child's Tuesday Folder

Expectations for third graders



- Produce work that reflects a high level of effort and quality.
- Keep track of both classwork and homework assignments.
- Come prepared. Bring materials for all classes, agenda, and a book to read every day.
- Students need to arrive on time daily.
- Keep up with Smart Tag lanyard, dismissal tag and car rider tag.

Grading



Reading/Writing - Will be a combination of 5 minor grades (each 9 weeks) and 2 major grades (each 9 weeks). Total of 7 grades. (This has changed from last year)

Math - Will be a combination of 7 minor grades (each 9 weeks) and 2 major grades (each 9 weeks). Total of 9 grades. (This has changed from last year)

Science - Will be a combination of 5 minor grades (each 9 weeks) and 2 major grades (each 9 weeks). Total of 7 grades.

Social Studies - Will be a combination of 5 minor grades (each 9 weeks) and 2 major grades (each 9 weeks). Total of 7 grades.

Reading and Language Arts

- **Reading Workshop:**
 - Comprehension strategies
 - Vocabulary development
 - Small group/word study
 - Skills groups
 - Reader's Response Notebook
 - Read! Read! Build Stamina!
- **RESOURCES:**
 - HMH, Guided Reading/Word Study, Book Club/Literature Circles, Campus and classroom libraries
- **Writing Workshop:**
 - Writing Strategies
 - Vocabulary Development
 - Scientific Spelling
 - POP(Patterns of Power)-Grammar
 - Writer's Notebook
- **RESOURCES:**
 - Handwriting(print and cursive)

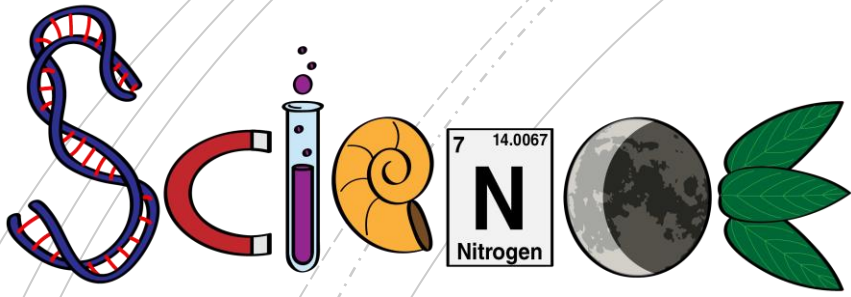


NO WEEKLY SPELLING LISTS!

Scientific Spelling will be used as a guide for teaching spelling. Grade level curriculum road map will be used to decide the new pattern or rule for the week.

What is Scientific Spelling?

- Curriculum to teach spelling by using reliable patterns and rules of the English language
- Students learn by analyzing words
- Aids the retention of words and reinforces basic spelling information.
- No memorization of lists
- Lessons are by grade level



- Hands on Learning/Science Investigations
- Our goal is to visit the science lab once a month. Other labs take place in our classrooms.

Topics Covered:

- I am a Scientist
- Physical Properties of Matter
- Changes from Heat and Mixtures
- Changes to Earth's Surface
- Natural Resources
- Solar System
- Weather
- Forms of Energy
- Forces and Motion
- Environments
- Food Chains
- Adaptations
- Animal and Plant Life Cycles

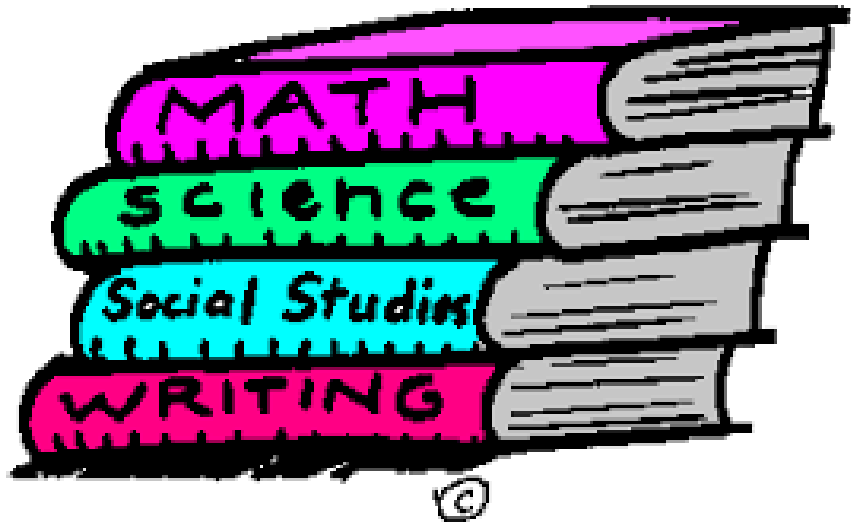


- Morning work is completed each day in your child's homeroom, so it is important your child is on time
- Number Talks
- Deep Practice (word problems)
- Fact Fluency (Addition/Subtraction - we will start learning multiplication facts later in the year)
- Mini Lesson on current skill
- Math Stations (Guided Math)
 - Teacher Station
 - Current Skills Practice or spiraling
 - Dreambox (Students need to complete 5 lessons a week. This can be done at school and at home if needed.)
 - Fluency Station



- **Citizenship**
- **Historical Figures**
- **Artists and Authors**
- **Scientists and Inventors**
- **Maps**
- **Government**
- **Economics**

Homework



- Homework is a campus wide expectation this year. Homework is a criteria on student's behavior conduct card.
- Not completing of homework will result in a conduct mark.
- Homework will be Monday-Thursday every week.
 - Monday – Math
 - Tuesday – Math/Science
 - Wednesday – Reading/Writing
 - Thursday – Reading/Writing
- Homework will be written in their agenda daily.
- Teachers will check student homework together daily. (it is important that it is completed each night)
- Homework will begin August 28th.



- 3rd Grade STAAR is new for our kiddos
- The test is just a way to show everything they have learned! We want our students to make progress!
- Benchmarks will be taken on February 7 (Reading) and February 13 (Math)
- STAAR Reading (April 10th) and Math (April 24)

Birthdays



- Birthday invites are not allowed to be passed out school.
- Teachers have already sent out a form with information regarding our 3rd grade birthday list (please reach out to your child's teacher if you are unsure)
- Store bought items only and they must be nut free.
- Birthday Grams can be purchased in the front office for \$1. The Bulldog Broadcast Team will announce your child's birthday message on the announcements, and your child will receive an exclusive birthday spirit stick.
- Send your Bulldog a Birthday Message on the Adolphus Marquee for \$20! A flyer will be sent home in this week's newsletter. It can also be found on the Adolphus webpage.

Teacher Experience

September 22nd

More info to come!



Field Trips

October 18/19th – Long Acres Ranch
May 3rd (tentative date) - TBD



Students go
to class at
7:05 am

- ❖ Students have the opportunity to unpack their backpack, get prepared for the day, and write down their homework.
- ❖ All students begin morning with math warm up that is checked by math teachers
- ❖ Allows them time to get focused for the day and be ready to begin learning.
- ❖ Students who are in class by 7:15 earn a Class Dojo point



- Dreambox is a math learning environment that **adapts to your student's needs.**
- Students see practice **units and lessons dependent** on how they perform on assessments.
- Dreambox heavily incorporates **manipulatives.**
- Since Dreambox is **adaptive**, teachers have little control over what unit students are working on.
- Dreambox **decides what skills** your student needs to practice and when they are ready for new lessons.

FOR STUDENTS TO MAKE PROGRESS IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS COMPLETE 5 LESSONS PER WEEK.

HOW TO ACCESS

To access on a PC , your student needs to log in to Classlink. Find the Dreambox icon.



To access Dreambox on an iPad, download the Classlink app **and** the Dreambox app. Login the Classlink app. Find the Dreambox icon. It will prompt you to launch the app. The program will automatically open in the app.



We are looking forward
to a great year!

