

Welcome to 3rd and 4th grade!

- 1) Welcome to a new school year!
Please sit down :)
- 2) Supplies will be placed in the homeroom at the end of the presentation in the auditorium.
- 3) Please make sure the student's name is on the bag (markers are available in the classroom.)
- 4) Feel free to look at each classroom after supplies have been dropped off.



Home/School Agreement

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tWxvHZvQfk62rykLMppq4fUDfNthHMIEXBpPIdzKmsM/edit?userstoinvite=cpwilkie@cps.edu&ts=5d64881f>

Introduction of teachers

Volunteering at James Ward

https://cpsparentu.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=319488&type=d

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Student Code of Conduct

<https://cps.edu/pages/StudentCodeofConduct.aspx>

NEW!

- This year students in third and fourth grade are departmentalized. This means that they will switch teachers for reading, writing, math, social studies and science.
- Students will get binders to help them stay organized.
 - The folder colors in the binder are as follows:
 - Red-reading
 - Yellow-writing
 - Green-math
 - Purple-social studies
 - Blue-science
- Students should also have 5 single subject notebooks.
- All supplies will be organized with the homeroom teacher on Tuesday :)

Write the subject on each tab

- Red-reading
- Yellow-writing
- Green-math
- Purple-social studies
- Blue-science

Grading Policy Reminders

In order to create responsible, independent students and to reinforce boundaries and expectations....

- All late or incomplete work is half credit
- Late work will only be accepted within 5 school days.
- Students must follow all of the directions and show grade level effort to receive full credit.

Late Work? Extra Credit?

Late work will be accepted with points off the first half of the year.

There is no extra credit in order to help create responsible and independent students.

The Teachers :))

Mrs. Tan has been a teacher for 11 years. This is her 5th year at James Ward. She has an ESL and Math endorsement and is our Math teacher for 2019-2020 school year. Mr Jones will be covering math for the first quarter.

Mr. Jones was the Math Interventionist last year at James Ward. He taught high school Math for 8 years and middle school math for 2 years in New Jersey. He has a Math endorsement.

Ms. Goetz has been at James Ward for 13 years. She is endorsed in Language Arts, ESL, and Social Studies. She has been in 3rd grade for 12 years and will be the Writing and Social Studies teacher this year.

The Teachers :)

Mrs. Wilkie has been at Ward for 13 years. She is a Reading specialist who has taught 4th grade for 5 years, and was with the Primary grades for 7 years here at JWS. She is the Reading teacher this year.

Mrs. McGreal has been teaching in CPS for 9 years, but this is her first year at James Ward! She is endorsed in Language Arts, Science, and ESL. She has taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grade science. She is the science teacher this year.

What to expect from us:

- We will do the very best we can for your children.
- We like and value all types of children.
- We will help your child to become independent.
- We place responsibility on the children.
- We will post grades weekly. Students will always know if they are missing work on student portal and their test scores.
- NEW!-CPS no longer allows communication through texts, phone calls, social media
- The best way to reach us is through classdojo or cps email

How to create a responsible 3rd/4th grader at home:

1. Sign the homework notebook everyday to show you are interested and value your child's education.
2. Discuss the homework and review it with your student each night... even if it is finished!
3. Check gradebook once a week with your student.
4. Study for weekly quizzes and tests each night.
5. Make sure you know when projects are due :)

THESE ARE ESSENTIAL IN THIRD and FOURTH GRADE!

Communication



- We are all part of the same team!
- Without your help, we cannot help your child to succeed.
- Please ask your child about their work before you contact us! The most successful third and fourth graders own their learning!!!
- Classdojo and email is the only way to reach us, we will get back to you asap or within 24-48 hours.
- We will send home parent communication folders every week on Thursdays.
- Check homework assignment notebooks!

Parent Conferences:

- Please create an appointment to speak with the teachers. We will meet with parents as a team.
- There are over 30 children in each classroom this year, so impromptu meetings in the morning or during the school day will disrupt learning.
- Make sure to check the homework assignment notebook and parent portal!
- Talk to your child before the meeting so we can solve problems quickly.

A login form titled "Sign In to ParentConnection" with a "Help" link. The form is for "District Chicago Public Schools" and includes fields for "Username", "Password", and "Language" (set to "English"). A "Log On" button is at the bottom right. Below the form are links for "Click here to sign up" and "Forgot your password?". At the very bottom, there is a small copyright notice: "Copyright © 2008 - 2015 Pearson Education, Inc. or its affiliates. All rights reserved."

Reading-Mrs. Wilkie

- Reading Strategies using fiction & non-fiction text
- Focus on: Comprehension & fluency while increasing understanding of: vocabulary, characters, inference, theme, sequence, questioning, text features, etc.
- Using: read alouds, novel studies, short passages, partner reading, silent reading, poetry, and audio books
- Written responses to reading
- Accelerated Reader, IXL, ReadWorks, and Scholastic (online programs)

3rd Grade Math - Ms. Tan

- Curriculum课程: Everyday Math
 - Add and subtract larger numbers
 - Estimate and round numbers
 - Learn multiplication and division facts
 - Solve number stories
 - Measure length, time, mass, and liquid volume
 - Collect, organize, and represent data
 - Model and compare fractions
 - Tell time to the nearest minute
 - Recognize and measure shapes

4th Grade Math - Ms. Tan

Curriculum课程: Everyday Math

- Increase "number sense", "measurement sense", and estimation skills
- Extend skills with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers
- Find equivalent fractions
- Add and subtract fractions
- Learn about using letters to stand for unknown numbers and other beginning algebra concepts to write algebraic equations
- Expand ability to collect, organize, and interpret data
- Developing skills with 2 dimensional geometry, working with angles, classifying polygons, and investigating symmetry

Science-Ms.McGreal

In science, we will be figuring out how the world around us works! We will be asking questions, sharing ideas, planning investigations, collecting evidence, and making discoveries! The science ideas we will discover are as follows:

3rd graders

Balancing forces

Inheritance and traits

Environments and Survival

Weather and Climate

4th graders

Energy and Conservation

Vision and Light

Earth's Features

Waves, Energy, and Information

Social Studies and Writing- Ms. Goetz

Students in both grade levels will work on celebrating different cultures. This helps children to build tolerance, understand the history of their people, and become good citizens. There will be lexile libraries and projects for each unit. Students will also engage in writer's workshop and sharpen their skills at editing.

The units are

Hispanic Heritage

Native Americans

Asian Heritage

African American Heritage

Chicago, Illinois, and the United States

Behavior Expectations

- Students should come to school everyday prepared with the necessary materials and assignments completed.
- Students should come to school on time.
- Students should respect themselves, their peers, and teachers.
- Students must comply with James Ward School Policies according to the CPS Code of Conduct.

Behavior management

ClassDojo-all classroom teachers will add and subtract points on the app. These points will allow students to participate in fun things like free time, game days, and class parties. A lack of points will allow extra time to complete missing work.

Positive Points

Students might gain points for turning in work on time, helping others, following directions, participation, and managing feelings/emotions positively.

Negative Points

Students will lose points for missing work/materials, teacher/peer/classroom/material disrespect, breaking JWS rules, and defiance.

Grading:

- Homework is meant to reinforce lessons from the school day.
- Both homework and classwork are based on effort and completion.
- Late and unacceptable work will be done for half credit during free time.
- Tests are reflected as a Summative grade and count for 30% of the final grade.

Questions??

Your turn to ask!

Consider exchanging phone numbers
with other parents!