



OUR VISION

Preparing students to be 21st Century learners through purposeful teaching, communication and collaboration.

Communication
Collaboration
Purposeful Teaching
for
21st Century Learners

OUR CORE BELIEFS

All students can learn.

- All students have unique talents and abilities.
- High academic achievement is a priority.
- All members of the community share responsibilities for success.
- Continuous improvement is the key

CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Goal 1: Reading Comprehension:

Students will improve reading comprehension skills across the curriculum by demonstrating strategies such as; using existing knowledge, summarizing content, comparing information across texts, using graphics and text structure and formulating questions that deepen understanding.

Goal 2: Problem Solving:

Students will improve problem solving by selecting and applying problem-solving strategies, identifying necessary information, using patterns and relationships to evaluate situations, applying inductive and deductive reasoning, spatial and proportional reasoning, and solving a variety of non-routine, real-world problems.



- ▶ Help your child to be calm, focused, and rested on test day. This begins with a good night's sleep.
- ▶ Prepare any needed materials ahead of schedule, and take time for a good breakfast before the exam.
- ▶ Remind your children that you support their effort and that daily performance is a much better indicator of aptitude than a single test.
- ▶ Plan a post-exam activity your child enjoys as a reward for his or her hard work.

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ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Parents please read and sign the attendance letters. The office will send an email to notify you that the attendance letter was sent home by the child.



Our newsletter will now be posted to the school website for your convenience! Visit the school website and check out the 3rd Grade Page! @
<http://www.am.dodds.edu/jackson/fjep/>
 -Click on Class Webpages, then 3rd Grade.

Third Grade Happenings

February 11-15, 2013

Reading

Title: *How My Family Lives in America*

Target Skills

- Genre: *Nonfiction*
- Vocabulary Strategy: *Context Clues-Antonyms*
- Comprehension Skill: *Fact and Opinion*
- Comprehension Strategy: *Text Structure*
- Grammar: *Adjectives that Compare*
- Writing: *Sentences/Persuasive Words*
- Spelling: *Homophones*
- Study Skill: *Maps and Globes*



Math

Target Skills

- *Understanding Measurement*
- *Fractions of an Inch*
- *Using Inches, Feet, Yards, and Miles*
- *Customary Units of Capacity*



Social Studies**

Target Skills

- *Communities*
- *Citizen Heroes*



Upcoming Events

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| 18 February | No School - Washington's Birthday / Federal Holiday |
| 19 February | PTO Meeting: 11 AM-12 PM |
| 21 February | School Spelling Bee- 9-11 AM
Jump Rope for Heart-8:15-11:15 AM |
| 23 February | Girl Scouts Thinking Day |
| 25 Feb-1 Mar | Read Across America |
| 25 February | Reading Counts Ceremony-8:15 AM |
| 27 February | Interim Progress Reports Grades K-6
Author Visit: Dave McDonald |
| 28 February | Reading Prize Patrol-6:00 PM |
| **11-15 March | Terra Nova Testing |

***Thursdays-EARLY RELEASE DAY @ 1:40 PM

"Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts"