

Daily HEALTHY Snack

There will be a chance for students to have a snack every day if they bring one from home. This will be a “working snack” so please pack something that is easy to eat while reading or writing. **I would also like to focus on healthy eating this year. Please do not send in sweets or junk food for snacks! Students will NOT be allowed to eat candy or desserts during snack time.**

Some suggestions for snacks are:

- Goldfish
- pretzels
- popcorn
- Cheerios
- raisins or other dried fruit
- granola bars
- crackers
- string cheese
- go-gurt or yogurt (also send a spoon if needed!)

Birthdays



OCS has a policy where students are not be allowed to bring in food as a treat for their birthday. If you would like to send in a treat to help celebrate your child’s birthday, you may send in a non-food item for your child to pass out. Stickers, temporary tattoos, special pencils, bouncy balls, and erasers are some ideas. It’s usually easiest if you send it in with your child in the morning.

IMPORTANT: Birthday party invitations MAY NOT BE PASSED OUT AT SCHOOL, unless the entire class is invited. If the entire class is not included, the invitations will be sent back home with your child.

2015-2016 Third Grade Supply List



- To make it easier and more cost-efficient, the third grade team ordered some necessary school supplies in bulk, such as folders and notebooks. The rest of the items listed below should be brought in with your student the first day of school.
- We ask students to bring in a check (NO CASH) for \$10.00 made out to Odyssey Charter School the first week of school to cover their individual supplies.
- This supply list and \$10 fee applies only to the classroom teacher and Greek teachers. Specialists may request additional items.

Individual Supplies (Please LABEL these with your child's name!)

- 1 Backpack/Bookbag (no rolling bookbags please)
- 1 Insulated Lunch Bag
- 1 Reusable Water Bottle
- 1 **1½ inch binder with a front "view" pocket** (where we can put a cover sheet)
- 2 Folders with pockets (*for Greek*)
- 2 Notebooks (*for Greek*)

Classroom Supplies to Share (Please DO NOT LABEL these with your child's name!)

- 24 #2 Pencils (It is VERY important that they come to school **already sharpened!**)
- 2 Hand Pencil Sharpeners
- 4 Pink Erasers
- 4 Glue Sticks
- 1 Pair of **Blunt Cut** Scissors
- 1 Box of Crayons (24 count)
- 1 Box of Washable Markers
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils (sharpened)
- 1 Set of Highlighters (multi-colored)
- 2 Boxes of Tissues (large boxes)
- 1 Container of Antibacterial **Cleaning** Wipes (not hand and face wipes)
- 1 Package of White 3"x5" Index Cards
- 1 Box of Ziploc Baggies (either snack, sandwich, quart, or gallon)
- 1 Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Packages of Post-It Notes (3"x3")

***Classroom teachers may request additional items based on need as the year progresses.
Thank you so much!***

Homework Policy

Your child will be assigned approximately 30-45 minutes of homework Monday through Thursday evenings. No homework will be assigned over the weekend, although there may be occasional long-term projects that could be worked on over the weekend.

Daily homework will include reading for at least 20 minutes per night. The student should write the title of the book he/she read for twenty minutes in his/her agenda. Once he/she has written the title, please sign or initial below the title. This is my way to ensure every student is doing the required reading; it also teaches responsibility on the student's part. I will check the agenda every morning. Students who do not have a title written down with a parent signature next to it will have to read at recess.

In addition to reading, there will usually be one or two more assignments from the other subject areas. Typically, the students will have a math worksheet that reinforces the day's math lesson and a spelling assignment. Any loose assignments will be found in your child's homework binder. Please check the binder every day to look for any important notes from the office or from me. ***Students should be clearing out the "KEEP AT HOME" folder in their binder nightly.***

There will also be a few weekly assignments that are given out on Monday and due at the end of the week. They will have a "weekly review" worksheet that will be due on Fridays. It will usually be a two-sided sheet with reading comprehension passage/questions on one side and a math review sheet on the other, although this may vary. Also, the students will be learning how to properly write the cursive alphabet using the Handwriting without Tears program, and they will have a few pages each week to practice at home. This will need to be completed by Friday as well.

This may sound like a lot of work, but we promise to keep the homework at a manageable level. If you find that the homework is taking your child too long, please let me know. Your child should not be working more than an hour a night **at the most**.

Your child will record homework assignments daily in his/her agenda book. Please check the agenda each night to see what the homework assignments are and if there are any notes from me. Feel free to write any short notes to me in there as well.

For the first two weeks of school, the homework schedule will be modified. This will allow your child to prepare for the routines of homework. A schedule of homework assignments for the first two weeks of school is included on the next page.

Homework for September 1st – 11th

- 1) You will be receiving many important forms that need to be completed by a family member. Your job is to make sure a family member completes the forms then bring them back to school as soon as possible.
- 2) You will need to set up a spot at home where you can successfully complete your homework assignments. You should have pencils, crayons, and other school supplies available so you can complete the assignments.
- 3) Bring in your favorite book to share with the class. We're going to be doing a lot of reading this year, so I would love to see what you enjoy to read! Please see the schedule on the next page for your date to share.
- 4) Create a scrapbook page. Please bring this to school by Friday, September 11th. We will begin sharing them with the class.
- 5) Be sure to bring your smile and enthusiasm to school each and every day! We are going to have a wonderful year together!!

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## Scrapbook Page Directions

Please make a scrapbook page on a piece of 12 inch x 12 inch scrapbook paper. You can buy individual sheets at craft stores, like AC Moore and Michael's. (*Please let me know if you are unable to purchase a page.*) Your job is to create a page that tells about who you are to put in our classroom scrapbook!

- You may use photos, artwork, news clippings, quotes, printing, stickers, or any other materials you have. You can include information about your family, hobbies, activities, etc. Share what makes you unique!
- You can decorate both sides of the page. I will then combine all the pages into one big class scrapbook.
- In the center of the front side, please make sure to include your first name.
- Please don't have items sticking off the sides or over the edges; it has to fit in the page holder that is meant for the 12 inch x 12 inch paper I'll be sending home.

Be creative and have fun! I have made my own page as an example that I will share with the class to introduce myself, but students should feel free to complete theirs differently.

# Schedule for Book Sharing



| <b>Date:</b>                            | <b>Students:</b>                                       |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday,<br>September 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Saniyah<br>Logan<br>Gavin<br>Emma<br>Najah             |
| Tuesday,<br>September 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Michael<br>Reagan<br>AJ<br>Dezireé<br>Carmen           |
| Wednesday,<br>September 9 <sup>th</sup> | Jade<br>Seamus<br>Eleanor<br>Skyler<br>Preston<br>Maya |
| Thursday,<br>September 10 <sup>th</sup> | Eesha<br>Amirah<br>Arnav<br>Lolita<br>Gabriel<br>Roman |

# Communication

I will be sending out lots of information this year. I utilize email the most, but I will also send home paper notes or reminders in students' agendas. However, I also found a new way to communicate if I just want to send out quick reminders to you. There's a website called [remind.com](http://remind.com) that allows me to send brief texts or emails to all subscribers. If you'd like to receive these reminders, please sign up by following the directions below. If you'd like to look at the site yourself before subscribing, feel free to go to remind.com! **If you would like to learn more about Remind before signing up, please feel free to check out their FAQs located here:**

<https://remind101.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

Mrs. Wagner would like you to join 3rd grade 2015-2016!



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