



Welcome to 3H!

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School Supplies and Materials Needed: Your child will need all of the supplies listed on the Big Hollow webpage. All of the items will be used. Please let me know if you are not able to find specific supplies.

Behavior Management: Behavior cards (green, red, yellow): Each student has a number and each person's numbered pocket contains three cards (green, yellow, red.) Everyone begins the day on green. If a class rule is broken, the color changes to yellow, the first caution. If another behavior problem occurs during the day, the color will change to red. Then the student will need to fill out a behavior form explaining his or her inappropriate behavior and how the problem will be corrected. I will review behavior cards and send them home with your child to be signed and returned by a parent. If the student corrects their behavior, they will always have a chance to flip their card back to green. I also pass out individual STARBUCK tickets, and whole class rewards when good behavior fills the marble jar 😊

General Homework/Late Work: I believe that some homework is necessary for practicing skills that have been learned or for enriching the classroom experience. On the other hand, I do not believe in overloading the students with busywork. In many cases homework is just classwork that is not finished. I give ample class time for assignments, but some students work more slowly and may need to finish at home. Third graders are responsible for writing all assignments in their assignment notebooks that the school provides. Students will copy down assignments that are written on the board in the front of the room. Please look over your child's homework to be sure it is complete, neat, and correct. Children should have no more than 30 minutes of homework per night. One extra day is given to complete unfinished work for every day absent.

Attendance and Illnesses: Regular school attendance is critical to the learning process. Our school day officially begins at 8:30 a.m. When your child is absent or tardy, he or she misses valuable instruction time. Please notify the office and myself whenever your child is absent.

Even though the district has strict attendance policies, it's important to keep your child home from school if he or she is sick. The policy states that a child must be free of fever for 24 hours before returning to school. Thanks for your understanding.

***Homework Reward Parties:** As a reward for completing and turning in homework on time, students will be eligible to participate in monthly homework reward parties. During this celebration, the students who are eligible to participate can choose from various activities, including board games, reading and writing stations, educational videos, and much more. Students who have turned in all homework on time will be able to enjoy the full party. Students with 3-5 late or incomplete homework assignments will be able to enjoy 30 minutes of the party. Students with 6 or more late assignments will not participate in the party, and will be provided time to complete missing work.

Snack/Lunch: Snack time daily in the morning (healthy snack and water only.) **This is a peanut-free classroom—please do not send anything that requires refrigeration or contains peanuts/tree nuts!** I also permit students to bring a water bottle to use during the day. Plain water is the only beverage permitted, and the bottle must have a secure lid. Water bottles should be taken home regularly to be cleaned. Our lunchtime procedure is that we go to recess first at 11:40, then to lunch at 12:00.

Reading Logs: Your child will be responsible for reading a set number of minutes per month and recording those minutes in their student planner. At the bottom of each month's calendar in the front of the planner, you will see a sticker noting the total minutes due, with a place to total your child's minutes read and to sign off on those minutes. I understand that family activities and events can prevent your child from reading every night, so I do not collect the minutes until the first of the next month. If your child is unable to read one night, please have them increase their minutes the next night.

Daily Math Drills: In my experience, children cannot move on to higher level reasoning in mathematics until they master their basic facts. In addition to regular math assignments, your child will be performing daily drills until he or she has mastered basic facts. You can help your child prepare by studying with flashcards or having them spend 15 minutes a day working with an online math fact program or app. You can even call out math facts to your child while driving in the car or waiting in the doctor's office! Mastering times tables is particularly challenging!

Daily Binders: This binder will be sent home daily. Please review your child's materials daily to check for any important notes. Every Friday, please check the binder for your child's behavior log, then sign and return the binder on the following Monday. Home/School Journals will also be completed on Friday. We will designate a tab in the back of the binder for this journal. Your children will write to you about their week and bring this home on Friday. Please be sure to read these each week and respond by writing a message back to your child. Please be sure to always send your child to school with this binder. It will contain their assignment notebook and any other important materials they might need.

Communication: I am here to help your child in any way I can. Please e-mail, or call if you have any questions or concerns. I will do the same. I will mainly send out information and reminders weekly via e-mail. This email will include important class information (weekly home practice and due dates, test and quiz information, upcoming events, and district news.) You may also respond to my emails with questions about the information.

Parent Volunteers: I love having parent volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please send me a note or email. A new guideline for parent volunteers is that they need to fill out a form and then return it signed before you can volunteer in class. More information will be supplied. I also have some need for home helpers. As a grade level there may be field trips or other group events that I will need volunteers to help supervise. More information will be shared as these events are confirmed.

If you have any questions about this information, please email me at reeneoadley@bighollow.us.

Thanks you!

Save the Date! Curriculum Night Thursday, August 31, 6-7 PM.

Conferences: November 2 from 11:00-7:00

I will send home information about signing up- via signupahead.com- closer to conferences.