

Perry's Periodical

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Initial Reading Theme

Great Adventures

- [Grandfather's Journey](#)
- [Phoebe and the Spelling Bee](#)
- [Opt: An Illusionary Tale](#)
- [Max Malone](#)

Spelling List

(Practice week.)

Clinton School
Mrs. Perry
Third grade
Gym
Lunch
Recess

Challenge Words:
Mr. Latrielle
Mrs. Espinosa
Superintendent
Principal

Sentence:
I will be a responsible and respectful third grader.

First Week of School

Welcome back to school! You will find third grade an exciting, fun, and challenging time for your child.

I am looking forward to teaching your child and watching him or her progress socially, emotionally, and academically. I will provide a safe, structured learning environment that your child will hopefully feel comfortable in and continue to learn at his or her own pace.

To do this, open communication between parents, teachers, and the school is vital.

One method that will be used to communicate back and forth is *Perry's Periodical*. In it you will find a number of interesting items, such as

classroom news and academic endeavors. Birthdays and special dates will be given. It will also list the name of the story your child is reading for the week and corresponding activities you can do at home to strengthen his or hers abilities in reading, spelling, vocabulary, and writing. You will also see the math concept your child is studying and other "spiral" activities to do at home.

Another form of communication is the Weekly Assignment Sheet. More information on this topic is provided under the article "Classroom Rules and Expectations."

I am looking forward to this new school year. Again, if



you have any questions, concerns, or insights, please do not hesitate to contact me. You are welcome to call or e-mail me at 825-3113 or lperry@clintoncougars.com.

Note: I do not usually check my e-mail until lunch time or after school, so if you need immediate attention regarding a concern (leaving early, sickness, etc.), please provide your child with a quick note that he or she can deliver first thing in the morning.

Classroom Rules and Expectations

To maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all students in this class, only **three rules** have been established. There are guidelines and other behaviors that fit under these main ones. The teacher's rules are as follows: **1) Be safe. 2) Be respectful. 3) Be responsible.** After the class discussion, the third graders added their con-

tributions to each category. An example of being safe is keeping objects and body parts to yourself. Being respectful is using nice words with a nice tone of voice. Being a responsible student means turning in your homework. Your child will be given an Assignment Sheet on the first day of each week. Your child is required to read

every night for the specified amount of time. It is then the family's responsibility for the paper to be signed verifying that the student has read. If time or circumstances is an issue for that night, please write a note on the paper.

The behavior management description can be seen on Mrs. Perry's webpage.

HOMWORK TIPS For Third Graders and Their Parents



Homework will be given nightly.

The three main reasons your child is given homework is to practice already taught skills, prepare for new topics, or elaborate on already introduced material. Please try these following guidelines to make homework time easier for your child and less stressful for you.

- Give your child a break between school and homework. They should have a healthy snack, play with their brother or sister, tell you about their day, etc. They **SHOULD NOT** watch television. It is too easy to become engaged in the TV and then not want

to do anything else. When homework is done, then he or she can watch television. A scheduled time to do homework should be set for each day.

- They should have a consistent, quiet, uncluttered environment; such as a desk in their room, the stool at the breakfast bar, etc. They should have a hard surface to write on and materials always ready.
- Try not to sit down with your child. The homework should be a review or a quick practice; your child

should understand. Homework time should only take 30 minutes or so, and be done independently.

- If they go until bedtime, **STOP**. One of the most important things for a growing child is sleep. Please do not force your child to stay up to do the homework. Just write a quick note explaining the circumstances. He or she will have time during the day (recess?) to get it done.

“Our objective is to find those pieces of technology that fit our long-term curricular goals to help us achieve our goals more effectively and efficiently, while giving our students adequate skills to use the technology available to them.”

*-Clinton School's
Technology Plan*

Check out the WebSite! www.clintoncougars.com

The use of technology is a very important tool for teaching here at Clinton School. The students interact, participate, and seem to appreciate learning through these means.

The school has a web site containing important information. Each class has a connecting page. This third grade class's web page contains the Star

Spangled Banner (which is sung every morning), the Student Pledge, the Student Contract, and the Teacher Contract. Assignment Sheets and *Perry's Periodicals* are also located on this page. In case the Assignment Sheet gets misplaced during the week, you are welcome to print and sign a new copy.

Each classroom also uses a SmartBoard to enhance the students' learning. This is a large interactive computerized white board that is connected to the teacher's computer.

