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Dear Students and Families,

**Welcome to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!** I am looking forward to a fun and productive year! Below you will find some important information about what to expect in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Attendance** – Coming to school each day and on time is very important for success in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. If your child is out due to sickness or any other reason, please send in an absence note the day your child returns to school.

**Behavior** – Knightdale Elementary is a PBIS school (Positive Behavior Intervention School). Students school-wide will be expected to show ARMOR – **A**lways safe, **R**espectful, **M**otivated for Success, **O**n task, **R**esponsible.

**Classroom Website** – Our classroom website is [www.vooris.weebly.com](http://www.vooris.weebly.com). Please check this website for updates about our classroom. I will be posting classroom newsletters on here as well.

**Change in transportation** – If your child will be going home a different way than they normally do, please make sure to send in a note. Without a note, your child will have to use the same method of transportation that they usually do.

**Homework** – Homework is intended to review, practice, and extend learning from class. Students will be expected to read and complete a reading log every night. Be on the lookout for further information about “Star Homework” which will be beginning the third week of school.

**Planners** – Planners should be going back and forth between school and home daily. These planners are a spot for students to write down homework assignments and other important information. Notes from me and other school correspondence may also be found in the planner.

**Graded Work** – Monday folders will be sent home each Monday. I will send tests, quizzes, and other graded assignments home in this folder. Please review this folder with your child and return it to school on Tuesday. Any assessments that do not have a passing grade will require your signature. A lot of your child's work will be hands-on or completed in a binder or notebook at school, and will therefore remain at school.

**Whole Brain Teaching** – You may notice, and your child may share, that our classroom doesn't look like some other classrooms. We will be learning through Whole Brain Teaching which is a research-based style of teaching that utilizes all areas of the brain to learn. It includes short chunks of instruction, lots of peer interaction, and using hand gestures to remember important information. It is also really fun! I will be sending home more specific information about whole brain teaching and learning soon.

Thank you for taking the time to review this important information. I look forward to a fun, informative year ahead. With a positive attitude, hard work, and cooperation we will have a great year!

Smiles,

Cheryl Vooris