

English

Third Grade English is divided into two parts: mechanics and writing. We will begin learning and applying the mechanics of the English language including correct sentence structure and parts of speech, then move into writing with different genres.

Grades will be taken from unit tests, graded work, students' English notebooks, and homework assignments.

I believe it is essential for students to apply the rules of English they learn in their own writing in order to fully understand them. Students will keep an English notebook for this purpose. In their English notebook students will be graded on how well they apply the rules they learn for each authentic writing assignment and will receive a participation/effort grade for performing the assignment. When students begin writing with different genres they will be graded on the writing process and with rubrics for their final drafts.

MECHANICS

The Sentence

- statements & questions
- commands & exclamations
- subjects & predicates
- run-on sentences

Nouns

- common & proper
- singular & plural forms
- special plural nouns
- possessive nouns

Verbs

- verbs in the present
- verbs in the past
- verbs in the future
- special verb "be"
- helping verbs
- irregular verbs
- contractions with "not"

Capitalization & Punctuation

- correcting sentences
- capitalizing proper nouns
- abbreviations
- book titles
- introductory words
- commas in a series

Pronouns

- subject pronouns
- object pronouns
- pronouns & verbs
- possessive pronouns

Adjectives and Adverbs

- what are adjectives
- articles (a, an, the)
- comparing with adj.
- what are adverbs
- to, two, too