



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

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*Mrs. Zurek's Third Grade*











# SO LITTLE TIME TONIGHT!

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- Write any unanswered questions on the white index card
  - Leave them on my desk before you leave
  - I will get back to you shortly!





# EXPECTATIONS

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- Class pledge
  - Behavior think sheets
- Increased responsibility
- Daily homework
  - Pink missing work slips
- Reading to learn vs. learning to read
- Writing across the curriculum





# MATH

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- Homeroom instruction & needs-based grouping
- Common core curriculum
- Problem solving each Friday
- Resources
  - MyMath ConnectEd
    - Login info will be shared soon!
- Homework pages include step-by-step examples





# READING

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- Teacher read aloud
- Components of Daily 5
- Guided reading groups
- Student book clubs
- Bilingual & English Language Learner (ELL) support teachers





# WRITING

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- Writing Workshop
  - Mini-lessons
  - Independent writing time
  - Teacher conferences
  - Share time
- Narrative, expository & argumentative writing
- 5-paragraph structure
- Text-based evidence & details





# SPELLING / VOCABULARY

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- 10 words each week
- Six leveled words based on your child's needs
- Four words based on root word or prefix
- Tests on Fridays
- Mini-lessons in class
- At-home practice
  - Spelling square (parent initials required)





# SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

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- Life cycles, adaptations & heredity
- Force & motion
- Weather
- Cities near & far
- Geography & map skills





# ASSESSMENTS

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- Fountas & Pinnell reading levels
- MAP Testing
  - Fall
    - September 8th - Math
    - September 15th - Reading
  - Spring
- PARCC
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  - Math & Reading
  - More info on [PARCC website](#)





# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

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- Sign assignment notebook
- Respond to Friday letters & return to school on Monday
  - The more YOU write, the more YOUR CHILD will write!
  - Friday letters will be bound into a booklet at the end of the year for you to keep
- Assist with daily reading log
  - 20 minutes per night



# WHY ARE THOSE 20 MINUTES SO IMPORTANT?

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20 minutes per day = 3,600 minutes per school year

That's exposure to 1,800,000 words!

By the end of 6th grade, your child will have read  
the equivalent of 60 whole school days!





# COMMUNICATION

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- Email (Preferred)
  - [zurekr@hawthorn73.org](mailto:zurekr@hawthorn73.org)
- Classroom Phone
  - 847-990-4328
- Weekly Newsletters
- Classroom Website
- Remind App
  - Sign up now by texting the message **@rzur** to the number **81010**





# WAYS TO HELP

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- Be a reading volunteer
  - One day/week  
1:20-2:00pm
- Purchase needed supplies
  - See our wish list
- Chaperone a field trip
  - Details coming soon!





# BEFORE YOU GO

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- Read the clues to find your child's Who Am I project
- Sign up for a conference time
- Take the packet of information
  - Tonight's presentation available on class website as well.





**THANKS FOR COMING!**