

Welcome to Third Grade

Mighty McCloud

Grade 3

Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School

August 30, 2022

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McCloud School Administration

- Principal: Mr. Dorian Milteer, dmilteer@epsd.org
- Vice Principal: Dr. Noel Gordon ngordon@epsd.org
- Address: 325 Tenaflly Road, Englewood, NJ 07631
- Phone: 201-862-6155
- Secretaries: Ms. Rainey msecretary1@epsd.org
Ms. M msecretary2@epsd.org

Support Staff

- Nurse: Dr. Sadler ksadler@epsd.org
- School Counselor: Ms. Cartwright ncartwright@epsd.org
- Security Team: Mr. Henry and Ms. Lewis

3rd Grade Teachers

- Ms. Choi and Mrs. Triano
- Ms. Clemen and Ms. Romba
- Ms. Cruz and Ms. De Luca-Spina
- Sra. Generoso and Ms. Ghiorsi
- Mrs. DiBartolomeo and Ms. Kelsey/Ms. Diaz
- Ms. Louie and Ms. Murray/Mrs. Martire
- Ms. Peterson
- Ms. Sherman
- Ms. Knapp
- Mrs. Garcia

McCloud Mission Statement

Fostering Academic Excellence and Critical Thinking through Discovery, Exploration and Creativity enabling students to navigate the global world market with success.

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to another great year here at the Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School! We are very excited to start the 2022-2023 school year and have many programs in place to ensure students have every opportunity to achieve grade-level standards and beyond. This school is dedicated to creating exceptional systems and promoting a culture of universal achievement where all students can learn while sharing the responsibility with our parents, students, and staff in making this happen. The elementary school implements and utilizes the following steps in ensuring students reach or exceed grade-level standards and expectations throughout the year: • A school-wide culture of universal achievement • Teacher/staff collaboration • Classroom lessons aligned to state academic standards • Culturally Responsive Teaching • Critical Thinking • Brain Based Learning • Classroom assessments that guide instruction and interventions • A system for easily managing data • Data-driven interventions, both academic and social • **Covid-19 Prevention and Procedures** Through these systems, students are expected to obtain skills necessary to successfully advance and transition between grade levels and become adequately equipped to enter college if they so choose.

Yours in service,

Mr. Dorian Milteer

McCloud Expectations

- PBSIS – Positive Behavior Support in Schools
- Students should not be dropped before 7:45AM.
- Students are to arrive at school on time by 8:25AM.
 - Students will be marked “tardy” if they arrive after 8:30PM.
 - Students should arrive earlier if eating breakfast at school.
- Students are dismissed at 3:00PM.

Teacher Responsibilities

- Teachers will teach the 3rd Grade New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
- Teachers will assign classwork and homework to measure student learning.
- Teachers will assess students using various formal and informal assessments.
 - Assessments will include tests, quizzes, projects, writing tasks, and homework.
- Teachers will communicate with parents via email, student planner, and perhaps other electronic apps.
- Teachers will provide tutoring based upon ongoing monitoring of student progress.

Student Responsibilities

- Students will become more independent learners and thinkers as the year progresses.
- Students will increase their ability to focus on tasks for longer periods of time.
- Students will write down their homework in their agenda.
- Students will bring home the necessary materials to complete assignments.
- Students will complete homework independently. (Mistakes are okay!)
- Students will charge their laptops daily.
- Students will arrive to school prepared with all completed work and materials.
- Students will follow school and classroom rules and expectations.
- Students will read and practice math facts daily.

Parent Responsibilities

- Parents will make sure students arrive to school on time.
- Parents will establish a homework routine to ensure the work is completed.
- Parents will check the homework folder, agenda, and email for notices and teacher communications.
- Parents will check Genesis for grades.
- Parents will update contact information, as necessary.
- Parents will specify student's dismissal on the first day of school.
- Parents will contact the office, prior to dismissal, if a student's dismissal changes.
- Parents will contact and communicate with Ms. Goldwire (tsecretary@epsd.org) regarding any student laptop issues.

Themes In Reading/Writing

- Reading Fiction and Informational Texts
- Reading Myths, Poetry, Multimedia
- Text Structure and Features, especially nonfiction
- Writing Narrative Stories, Informational Text, Opinion/Persuasive
- Writing Across the Curriculum
- Vocabulary and Grammar Strategies; Phonics
- Spelling

Themes In Math

- Fluent in Addition and Subtraction
- Fluent in Multiplication and Division
- Be able to show models of math concepts, like arrays
- Explain math thinking and developing confidence in math
- Mid to Late Year, Fractions, fractions, fractions! In different methods, number lines, real-world

Social Studies Units

- Unit 1: Experiments in Government
- Unit 2: Elections
- Unit 3: The States of the US
- Unit 4: America the Salad Bowl (Cultural Competence)

Science Units

- Weather and Climate
- Force and Motion
- Electrical and Magnetic Forces
- Traits
- Continuing the Cycle
- Organisms and the Environment
- Using Evidence to Understand Change in Environment

Clubs

- Environmental Club
- Hispanic Heritage Club

- African American Club
- Technology Club
- Student Council
- Year Book Club
- Book Club
- Girl's Soccer
- Boy's Club

Closing Remarks

- 3rd GRADE IS A TRANSITIONAL YEAR!
- Students will be expected to show and explain their thinking across all subject areas.
- Students will be given more and more complex tasks as the year progresses.
- Students will apply previous learning skills and strategies to complete higher-level and rigorous tasks.

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