

Ms. Bergstrom's Third Grade

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**Summit Street School
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Welcome Back to School!

Specials Schedule:

- *Monday: Art and Exchange books in the library.*
- *Tuesday: Gym*
- *Wednesday: Music*
- *Thursday: Health, French, and Music*
- *Friday: Gym*



Hello!

What a great first week together at school it has been. The children have arrived eager to learn and are quite the friendly bunch.

I am sure you have plenty of questions about our classroom routines or what we are learning. I will try to answer them in this and future newsletters but if I don't, you can always contact me via e-mail at tbergstrom@ccsuvt.org. You can also contact me 1 hr before and 1 hr after school (if not later) at 857-7000 x2531. I am available during school hours M-W and F at 8:30 to 9:15, and on Th from 2:05-2:50. If you call my voicemail, I will do my best to get back to you that same day.

Please do not hesitate to call me with questions or concerns.

I want to explain to you the weekly Homework Packet. Every Friday I will send home a packet with the following weeks homework. There will be a schedule on the front of the packet that tells you when each piece of homework is due. There is a spot on this schedule for you to sign each night as your child completes the homework. If you could send that completed sheet in at the end of the week, that would be helpful. I told the students that they can always turn homework in early, but only under special situations can late homework be handed in. I hope that will help you



and your child to plan ahead for the week. There will usually be 2 math, 2 spelling, and 1 writing assignment as well as reading each week. Please do not spend more than 30-35 minutes a night. Good luck and let me know if you have more questions about this.

Units of Study

As we begin our first several weeks of school we will be doing an introduction to the reading workshop and writing workshop. Each of these formats involve the teacher modeling a specific reading or writing strategy, the students practice the strategy with guidance, then they practice it independently. It allows the students to have choice in what they read and write so that they are more invested in their learning.

In science we'll begin our unit on plants and trees. We'll be planting beans and exploring how they grow and survive.

At the beginning of every math unit you will see a letter from the Everyday Math program explaining what will be taught in the unit and how you can help your child.

If you would like some more resources to better help your child thrive, I am happy to

give you some suggestions. Also, let me know if you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, or if you'd simply like to come read to the class sometime. We love visitors.

Thank you for sharing your children with me!

~Ms. Bergstrom