

**June 2, 2016**

**Dear Parents and Families,**

**This year we have covered a lot of material and participated in many fun and exciting projects. We have started to develop skills needed for the third grade. We also have made many new friends along the way.**

**It has been my pleasure getting to know not only your child, but you as well. Parental support and open lines of communication are an essential part of any successful school year. Thank you for all you have done to make our year so fulfilling and memorable.**

**As your child moves from second to third grade, there are some very important things you can do to help them succeed. I encourage you to set aside some time this summer to review reading and math skills, especially the addition and subtraction tables and the multiplication and division tables. Read to and listen to your child read. Ask questions, make predictions, make life to text connections as you read. Practice those addition and subtraction facts as a way to really be ready for third grade math. Help your child develop a sense of working and solving problems independently. Talk about ways to solve problems and start practicing getting and staying organized. Encourage your child to write often! Writing stories, letters, journal entries, etc. are great ways to get thoughts organized and put onto paper. Please remind your child to use details in their sentences and the correct punctuation. Also your child could practice numerous academic skills by visiting the sites listed on our portaportal site. The url is <http://www.portaportal.com> You may login under guest as class7 to view the various websites. I have included a list of several sites recommended by various educational resources for fun summer learning. Any extra practice this summer will help your child succeed next year.**

**Thank you for a wonderful year and have a fantastic summer!**

**Sincerely,  
Roberta Gray**



## **EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES**

<http://www.sumdog.com>

**Sudog.com** – Lots of great math practice.

<http://www.spellingcity.com/>

**SpellingCity.com** - Many fun games and preloaded lists to practice spelling.

<http://www.mrnussbaum.com/>

**Mr. Nussbaum** - An interactive website designed specifically for students in Grades K – 8.

<http://www.abcya.com/>

**ABCya.com** - Many educational games for all grades. So fun, kids don't realize they are learning!

<http://www.rinkworks.com/brainfood/>

**BrainFood** - Finished his/her work? Try this stimulating site if your child has a few minutes to spare.

<http://www.safekids.com/>

**Child Safety on the Information Highway** - Rules for kids and guidelines for parents.

<http://www.energyquest.ca.gov/index.html>

**Energy Quest** - Energy Education from the California Energy Commission

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

**Fun Brain** - Where kids get power - check out their educational games

<http://www.kids-puzzles.com/index.html>

**Kids' Puzzles** - Online interactive hidden picture puzzles, mazes, word searches, cryptograms, jigsaws, connect the dots, match games, and some math reinforcement

<http://www.lil-fingers.com/storybooks/index.html>

**Lil' Fingers Storybook** - Over a dozen stories and a coloring activities page also

<http://www.whysanity.net/muppets/>

**Muppet Movies** - Lyric Archive

<http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neurok.html>

**Neuroscience for Kids** - The smell of a flower - The memory of a walk in the park - Explore their activities to learn more about your brain.

<http://www.studystack.com/>

**StudyStack - The StudyStack™ concept** was designed to help people memorize information about various subjects. Using the StudyStack web site, you use your computer to display a stack of "virtual cards" which contain information about a certain subject.

<http://www.starfall.com/>

Starfall is a great educational site that allows visitors to learn about letters and reading while having fun. The age range for Starfall is from beginners to about second or third grade, depending on your child's reading level.

<http://www.kidsnumbers.com/>

This is a math site that prepares children for learning addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This site was designed by teachers. Once kids learn to navigate the site, they can work independently while having fun.

<http://aaamath.com/> and <http://aaaspell.com/>

**Aaamath and aaaspelling.com** are two sites that work on math and spelling math and spelling. The site focuses on allowing children to learn at their level and at their own pace.

<http://www.coolmath.com/>

**Coolmath.com.** This fully interactive site and allows the user to sharpen basic math skills, play games and explore new math concepts.

<http://www.figurethis.org/index.html>

**Figure This.** Created by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, this site helps families enjoy mathematics outside school through a series of fun and engaging challenges.

<http://www.mathcats.com/>

**Math Cats** provides playful explorations of important math concepts through games, crafts and interactive projects. Includes a magic chalkboard and an art gallery.

<http://www.readkiddoread.com>

**KIDREADDOREAD.com** Helps parents and educators connect their children with the books that will turn them into lifelong readers.

<http://www.spaghettibookclub.org/>

**The Spaghetti Book Club** web site is a place for kids who love to read and talk about books! It is the largest site of book reviews written and illustrated by kids for kids.

<http://www.ala.org/greatsites>

**Great Websites for Children** This web gateway is produced by the American Library Association's Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). Children's librarians evaluate books, magazines, tapes, and software for children to find the best of all.

**<http://www.kidsreads.com>**

**Kidsreads** is the best place on the web for kids to find info about their favorite books, series and authors. Reviews of the newest titles, interviews with the coolest authors and special features on great books are our specialties. And for even more reading fun we have trivia games, word scrambles and awesome contests!

**<http://wonderopolis.org/>**

**Wonderopolis's** tagline states, "Where the Wonders of Learning Never Cease". Each day on Wonderopolis, a new wonder or question is answered. The questions cover a variety of topics and many come from kids.

**<http://www.dogonews.com/>**

**DOGOnews** is one of the best current events sites for kids. The site adds a new article almost daily. A few articles are accompanied by videos but most are text and photos.