



Dear Parents,

January, 2013

Happy New Year! We had a great first week back at school. Getting back into our regular routine was our goal and we did a great job!

Sadly, Katie has moved to Alaska and we miss her, but it was a 'two for one' deal and we now have two new students to take her place! Welcome to Aria and Mackenzie!

Now that we are in the second half of the year, I will be making changes to how we do some things in third grade. The first change is to the spelling activities. I have added a few new options and deleted others. Please encourage your child to try different activities. If you give them a test, please sign it in the journal. Please check for neatness. Penmanship is a priority! I have warned my students that if I cannot read the work, it has to be done over. A second change is how we take our spelling tests. Our spelling tests are now sentence dictation tests. I will read a sentence aloud that has 2-3 of the weekly spelling words in it. Students must write the sentences correctly. These will be graded using a rubric, similar to the rubric used on the DOL tests. I have attached the rubric for you to see this week, but in the future I will just write the number of mistakes at the top. All mechanical errors, (this includes the weekly spelling words) will count off one point.

As other changes come up I will keep you informed.

Students may now place their order for **E.A. White yearbooks!** Yearbooks will be in full color and include pictures from many school and classroom activities. **Yearbooks are \$20** cash or check. Please make checks **payable to E.A. White School**. Payment envelopes will be sent home shortly, but if you would like to order now, **please send payment in an envelope with your student's name**. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, but are moving before the end of the year, order now and please give the school office a large envelope with your name and address before your students last day. **Deadline to order your yearbook is February 1st**. Have a wonderful 2013!

Jan. 16	Heavenly Hat Day - \$1.00 donation to buy head gear for cancer patients
Jan. 18	It's Electric - Big Thinkers Show - 2:00p.m.
Feb. 1	"Fam Jam" Family Fun Night
Feb. 1	Yearbook Orders Due
Feb. 25 - March 1	Terra Nova Testing for Grades 3 - 5

