

NEWSLETTER

★ ★ Math Textbook Online

★ The student math textbook is available online at www.eharcourtschool.com

The user name is **plewstudent**. The password is **panther**.

After you log in, you can see every page in the student math textbook. Plus, there are a lot of cool interactive features for practice and reteaching. Students can work problems online and get immediate feedback about which ones they missed. The online textbook has these features:

Show Me and Try These

Short interactive tutorial and animated demonstration that show and tell you how to solve the problems in that particular math lesson.

Intervention Lessons

Click on the links under "Intervention" to find

interactive animations designed to reinforce problem solving and skills concepts.

Multimedia Glossary

Click glossary terms to hear the words and see their definitions. Terms can also be viewed by clicking any vocabulary word highlighted in yellow.

Quick Review Quizzes

Interactive quiz that provides immediate feedback to students.

Problem of the Day

A challenging problem that reinforces problem-solving skills.

Practice Set

Interactive set of questions that provides immediate feedback to students.



This Week:

READING

"Whose Habitat Is That"

Spelling Unit 1.3

MATH

Place Value to 100,000's.

Odd and Even.

Rounding numbers.

SCIENCE

Plant parts and their functions.

Classifying plants.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Maps and Globes.

"Where in the world is Niceville?"

LANGUAGE ARTS

Subject of a sentence.

Cursive lower case letters f, j, p, u,

Clothing

Third Grade is MESSY!! You never can tell when we will have a surprise art or science project to go along with our subject area studies! We frequently use markers, paint, and glue for class projects. While these materials should wash out of clothing, please save special outfits for Picture Day or other planned occasions.

Children also go outside for recess and for P.E. nearly every day. Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. Rockets should wear athletic shoes every day.

Flip-flops and other slip-on shoes are not allowed by the school dress code.





Homework

Homework is practice of a concept or skill previously learned in class. Written homework is usually assigned **four times each week, on Monday through Thursday**. Homework should be completed and returned the next day. Usually, homework will consist of one short assignment and **reading for at least 20 minutes each night**.

Daily homework should take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete, not including reading for 20 minutes.

Because homework will usually be a reinforcement of what we have done in class that day, the skills and concepts needed to complete the homework should be familiar to your child. **If your child is confused, or is consistently taking longer than 20 minutes to complete the assignment, please let me know.**

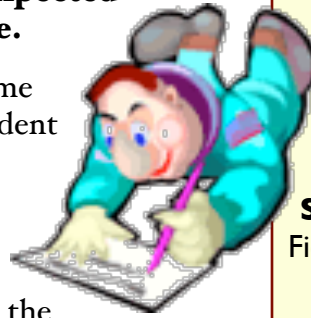
Homework Procedure

The Rockets will be given an opportunity to write the homework assignments down in their Planners. I always go over the homework at the end of each day to remind students what they need to bring home. There is no excuse for a student not knowing the homework assignment, or for not having the proper

materials to complete it. I am asking that you **initial the Planner every day to signify that you are aware of the homework your child was expected to complete.**

If, for some reason, a student is unable to complete homework, please send me a note so the assignment can be turned in late without penalty. However, please do not ask for more time to complete homework if the reason is due to lack of materials, or because your child did not write down the assignment. Making exceptions for these circumstances will hurt your child in the long run because it sends the message that it is okay to not pay attention when we are going over homework. When students face consequences for their actions, it helps to prepare them to become more responsible, independent workers in the future. I know this is hard. Please work with me on this one.

All homework must be done neatly and have the correct heading. Homework that is turned in without a name will not be accepted. **Written homework is usually graded only for being returned on time and for being completed**



Calendar

September 11, 2009

Picture Day.

September 15, 2009

Open House and Book Fair
5pm-6pm Classroom visits
5pm-7pm Book Fair
6pm-7pm Spaghetti Supper

September 16, 2009

Field Trip money due.

September 17, 2009

Field trip to Mattie Kelly Arts Center.

according to directions. I do grade one or two homework assignments each week for academic content, but the students don't know which ones.

Help make homework a priority by scheduling time each day for your child to complete homework. Children need routine and structure to be successful. **Help your child develop a good homework routine by asking to see the Planner, and by making sure your child puts the Planner and the homework back in their bookbag to return to school the next day.** This will help keep your child organized and eliminates the frustration of losing a paper or assignment that is needed in class.

