

3/4 All-STARS

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We are the All-Stars!!

I am thrilled to kick off the new school year!! We have been spending these first days establishing expectations and participating in collaborative activities. Our goal is to work together to foster the best environment for learning. By reading [The Energy Bus for Kids](#), written by Jon Gordon, the students are encouraged to create positive visions, fuel up with positive energy, not allow any bullying, be kind to each other, and enjoy the ride as they journey through third & fourth grade!

Last week, students brought home a copy of a contract they helped to revise regarding behavior expectations. Their participation, ideas, and signatures will give them ownership of creating a positive classroom atmosphere. Please ask them to share [STARS](#) with you and give praise for this accomplishment.



Building relationships has always been a priority for me as a teacher. As a saying goes, “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” I’m hoping to discover your child’s “All-Star” qualities, build trust, and maybe teach them a thing or two along the way.

Academically, my focus this year is to not only educate and assist students to meet 3rd & 4th grade standards, but to also foster traits such as independence, accountability, cooperation, and work ethic. As a staff, we have identified which standards could best build a solid foundation for learning. By selecting these “Power” standards, we can spend our precious time more productively. You may have noticed that we didn’t start with Chapter 1 in the math text. That is by design with choosing the topics that address these standards. The children have made the adjustment well with this and I will encourage them to do certain skipped pages for additional math practice.

As the leaves are changing colors and the days are getting shorter, please remind your kids to enjoy some activities outside!! Happy Fall!!

Please feel free to contact me with comments or questions at nbeers@strattonschool.org or 246-2283.

September Activities

- 2nd/3rd Grade Review
- Character Values
- Daily 5 Independent Reading Strategies
- [A Grain of Rice](#) reading activities & strategies
- Multiplication
- Geography
- Assessments to determine where students are to make plans for growth.

[The Energy Bus for Kids](#) Keep these rules in mind from the book, [The Energy Bus for Kids](#).

1. Create a Positive Vision!
2. Fuel Your Ride with Positive Energy!
3. No Bullies Allowed!
4. Love Your Passengers!
5. Enjoy the Ride!

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