 

**Important Dates:**

1/13 9-10 PTO Meeting

1/20 No School

1/31 7:30 am Dads and Doughnuts

3pm Multicultural Parade inside

**TCAP Dates:**

**Reading 3rd Grade**

**2/11 and 2/12**

**Math and Writing will be in March**

You’re Halfway, in Third Grade!

To start 2014, we are intensifying our plans to give our students the knowledge and practice that they will need to be successful on the TCAP, Colorado’s state test.

Third Grade Teachers have met and made a new schedule to help us get there. This new schedule will help us meet with groups to ensure everyone gets what they need. Please see the back of this newsletter for the details.

In order to better prepare students for the reading test we are changing the reading homework slightly. We still want them to read aloud for 20 min. to improve fluency, but we will also give out a reading assignment. This assignment can count as their 20 min. of reading that night. It will not be due until the 2nd day from its assignment. For instance, Monday’s reading response will be due Wed., not Tues. and Wednesday’s reading response will be due Friday, not Thurs. On a short week there may only be one reading response but students are still required to read for 20 min. every night and record it on their planner, whether they are reading a book of their own or reading the assigned reading homework.

Students will also look at what they have accomplished during the first half of the year and set goals for themselves. They will share these goals and plans for how to achieve these goals, before the end of the year, at our **student led conferences during the first week of February.**

# Happy New Year! 2014

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Please check and initial your child’s planner, daily. Thanks!

Being on time and prepared is a life long skill that helps your child be successful.

School Hours: 8:30 to 3:40 Please check that your child has all listed supplies for this year.

The school calendar tells days on and days off.

Your child needs to be aware of their schedule for Specials Classes.

Students should bring a water bottle and a snack everyday.

Wear or bring appropriate clothing for the weather. Our playground is very windy and cold.