

Back to School Night 2007
Third through Fifth Grade

Welcome parents to 3rd through 5th grade math, history and science. Here is a breakdown of what a typical day in math, history and science looks like and the subjects we will be covering the first trimester.

Math is from 11:00 to 12:00. Students were divided into two groups based on their test scores on the placement test and standardized testing. I also met with the aides to discuss where they thought each child should be placed. We start the math period with a speed drill. This speed drill has 100 addition or subtraction facts on it. Students have three minutes to complete as many as they can. Next I give the new lesson to one group while the other group does the following with the aides: grade homework, review the previous lesson and / or flashcards. At 11:30 the two groups switch and I give the new lesson to the other math group.

History is from 12:00 to 12:30. Students have the option to read aloud if they choose. As a class we discuss the material we learned and answer review questions or complete an activity related to the topic.

Science varies between 30 minutes to one hour depending on the day. On Monday and Tuesday students have library and computers. Monday and Tuesday's lesson focus on the topic that will be explored on Wednesday's lab. On Wednesday we will be having labs that last an hour. Someone in the community or I will be conducting these labs. Thursday and Friday's lessons will reinforce the lab and go deeper into the topic for that week.

Saxon Math 54 – Sequences, Addition and Subtraction Fact Families, Word Problems, Regrouping, Metric System, Geometric Shapes, Rounding Numbers, and Multiplication Table.

Saxon Math 65 – Comparing Numbers, Addition and Subtraction Fact Families, Word Problems, Multiplication Fact, Division Facts, Factors, Types of Angles and Lines, Area, and Fractions.

California Communities – Communities, Geography, Early Communities – Native Americans, Early Explorers, Colonies and Exploration of the West.

Science Resources – Ecology, Magnets, Map Skills, Food Chain, and Environments, Around the World.

Yours in Education,
Mr. Hammer