



Room Parent Guide
TCA North Elementary
3rd Grade

Please use the events as a guideline to the third grade school events. It is important to contact your classroom teacher to see what the classroom's needs are for each event; some events may require food or parent volunteers, while others may not. These descriptions come from past year events and how they were run – teachers may feel the need to alter some of the activities.

Third Grade Events

Field Day

Discuss with your classroom teacher how they would like you to help with shirts for this day. If you are doing screened shirts for your class, ask your teacher to have the color and design to you as soon as possible — to allow you time to get the shirts made. How you handle this process is up to you and your teacher!

Field Day does require a lot of parent volunteer as it is a 1st-3rd grade school wide half day event of outdoor games and fitness fun. The front office usually coordinates the sign-ups for this event and will work with the RPLs and room parents to help spread the word.

ROMAN DAY -- CHARACTER DAY

Roman Day is usually lined up near Halloween. It's a half day Friday with each classroom being a station (one room is the exploding volcano, another is the road to Rome (make a treat to eat), another does mosaic pictures, and the fourth room is games.

At back to school night parents sign up to bring a Roman dish -- one per class.

THANKSGIVING EVENT

Talk to your teacher about what they would like to do for a Thanksgiving celebration. Don't let time sneak up on you.

VIKING DAY / CHRISTMAS PARTY -- CHARACTER DAY

For Viking Day each class becomes a station -- one classroom will hear a story, one classroom will make shields, etc.

At back to school night parents sign up to bring a Viking dish -- one per class.

Each classroom usually does a simple Christmas celebration after the Viking Day celebration. It is nice to have the room parents touch base with their teacher to see what they would like to do for a Christmas Party.

Also, remember that Christmas is a busy time of year for many families. It's also a time to express gratitude towards your teacher and tutor. Some class room parents like to coordinate a class gift; others leave teacher gifts up to each family on an individual basis. Whatever your preference is, let the families know early — many like to shop the after-Thanksgiving sales.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Each classroom usually does a simple Valentine's Day party. Teachers usually allow 30 minutes at the end of the day. The room parent will need to coordinate with the teacher on what is needed for the event. Healthy snacks color coordinated with the holiday's colors are recommended.

Remember to send a class list of all the children's names to the parents in the class, also mention giving Valentines is optionally -- however, if you give one, you must give one to everyone. Don't forget to give one to your teacher and tutor.

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

Each classroom becomes a station and the classes rotate through them. In one room they do sand art, another is beading, etc.

At back to school night parents sign up to bring a Native American dish -- one per class.

COW EYE DISSECTION

The teachers ask for ten parent volunteers from each class. Parents are teamed with two students with complete the dissection. As the parents do the dissection following a study guide provided to them, students make observations; ask questions and answer the study guide questions. Room parents are asked to help coordinate getting enough volunteers.

POETRY CELEBRATION

The students memorize a poem and parents are invited to hear the recitation. The teachers ask for a food donation of finger foods from each family. Donations are shared among classes on a food table set-up in the hallway. Set-up for this event includes grouping the desks in groups of four, putting a tablecloth on them, and adding chairs at the back of the room.