



Moore Weeks
of Learning
3rd Grade
Buford Academy

Curriculum Night 2015-2016

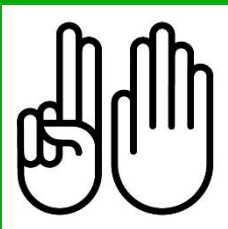
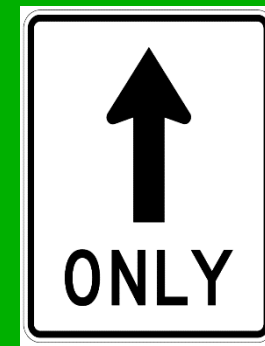
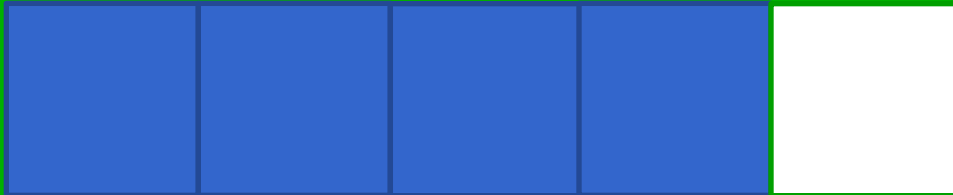
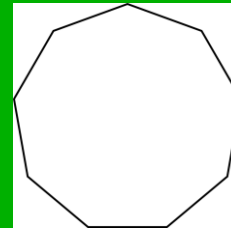
Teacher "Facts"



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6,782,271,270



Ms. Twila Moore

* 21st year teaching

* Birthday: November 6th

* Hobbies: biking, hiking,
running, kayaking, being a Lala



Mrs. Shannon Weeks

* 9th year teaching

* Birthday: September 18th

* Hobbies: spending time with family and friends, shopping, pedicures, church, Zeta Tau Alpha



**Did you know that Buford
Academy is a Title 1 school?
We are always looking to make
our school better.
We welcome parent input!**









Title I

We need your input for Title Funds. Mrs. Pulley is open for suggestions on ways to best use Title funds to meet the needs of all students. You may email her at kaleen.pulley@bufordcityschools.org.

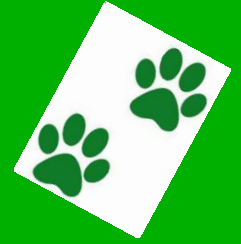
Ways we currently use Title funds are: Technology, Paraprofessionals, Summer School, After School/Saturday School, and Professional Development for teachers.





Attendance

- Improving attendance, tardies and checkouts is a school improvement goal of Buford Academy
- A written excuse within 2 days of the absence must be sent
- Absences of 10 or more days in a school year will result in contact from the school counselor or system social worker
- Students should not be checked out from 2:50-3:10 pm
- Students with perfect attendance each quarter are eligible for a reward



It is important for children to be on time for school. Many morning tasks are completed before announcements at 8:15 am. Children must be here prior to 8:25 am.



Daily Schedule

- 8:25 Tardy Bell
- 11:50-12:15 Lunch
- 12:17-12:33 Recess
- 3:05 Bus Call



Agenda

- Your child brings it home every night.
- They need to bring it to school everyday.
- This is used to:
 - Communicate between parents & teachers.
Tell your child if you write us a note.
 - Record misbehavior
 - Record assignments
 - Important dates/events



Homework

- Language Arts & Spelling
 - Spelling test every Friday starting August 24th
 - Various writing assignments
 - Study guides in ELA & SS
- Reading
 - Read at least 20 minutes each night. There are ebooks on the Gwinnett County Library site. The more you read the better you will do in ALL subjects.
 - Send in your library books every day.
 - Daily Reading Log
- Math
 - Practice math facts-addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
 - Study guides in science



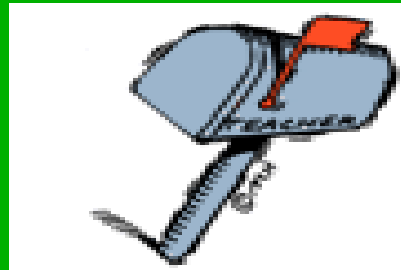
How can I best help my child be successful?



- Encourage and praise your child!
- Have your child read.
- Go to the public library.
- Give your child a routine and structure.
- Have your child read.
- Have a set bedtime.
- Give your child household responsibilities.
- Did I mention "reading"?
- Limit absences and check-outs
- Have fun together!

Newsletter

- Important information and dates
- Emailed or a hard copy sent home on Friday or Monday
- Located on our class website



Gold Folders

- This will go home every day.
- Please remove your child's:
 - Graded work
 - Graded tests
 - Newsletters (if not emailed)
 - Homework
 - Important notes
- Please return homework and signed papers in the gold folder each day. Papers are taken out when they are due. (Not before.)
- Please do not throw any papers away without asking your child first if they are important!



Classroom Website

- Our classroom website is found on the Buford Academy website. Click on our pictures or go to <http://mooreweeksoflearning.weebly.com>
- Look at the website for announcements, fun links to learning, homework reminders, photographs, and more!!!



Snacks



- Please bring in healthy snacks
 - Examples: granola bar, fruit, crackers, vegetables, yogurt, pudding
 - No Takis, Doritos, or sticky foods
- Clear liquids with a lid
- Students may not share snacks unless there is enough for everyone

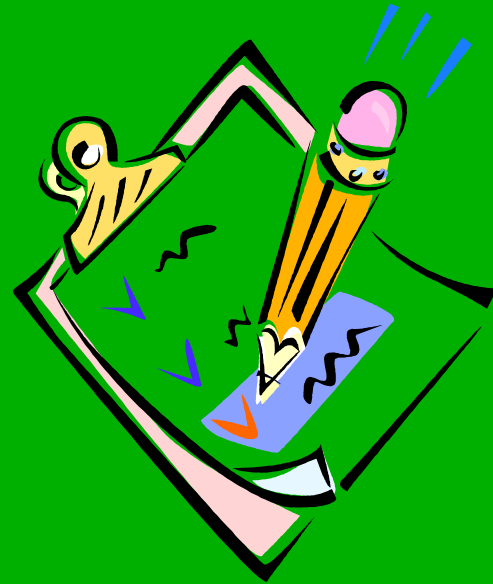
Behavior Plan

- Respect...
- Each other
- Self
- Property
- Environment
- Children
- Teachers



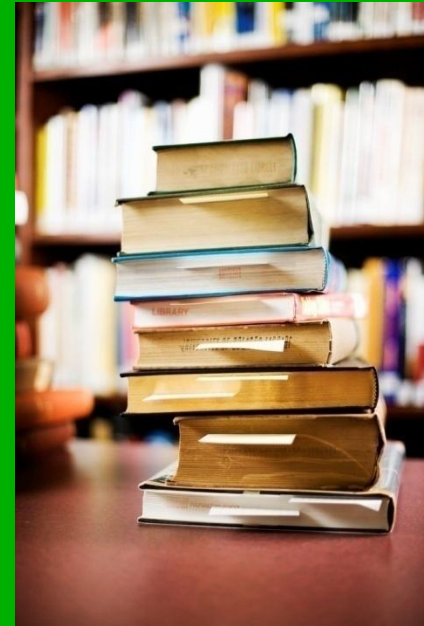
Consequences/Rewards

- laps at recess
- letter home
- silent lunch
- phone call home
- treasure box
- candy box
- BINGO number



Reading

- Author/Novel Studies
- Book Clubs
- Learning Stations
- Vocabulary
- Mini Lessons
- Reading Journals
- Cold reads
- Comprehension Builders
- GA Milestones Skills and Strategies



Language Arts/Writing

- * Writing - Writing Process & Traits of Writing
- * Grammar - incorporated into daily writings
- * LARS
- * Mentor Sentences
- * Literacy Stations
- * Spelling - Patterned words & high frequency words



Science/Social Studies

Science Units: Rocks and Minerals, Changes to Earth's Land, Magnetism, Heat and Energy, Habitats of Georgia, Adaptations of Living Things, Preserving Ecosystems

Social Studies Units: Historical Figures, Mountains & Rivers, Economics, Government, Greece, map skills

- Summative assessments after every unit.
- Study guides will be sent home...Students must study to be successful.
- Resources will be included on the website.

Grading

- Report cards are sent every nine weeks. Progress reports at mid-term.
- View PowerSchool- Call the office for log-in information.
- Children are graded based on:
 - Formative (class work)- 55%
 - Summative (assessments) 40%
 - Homework 5%



Assessments

- Some test dates will be noted on the newsletter and others will be written in the agenda
- Science & Social Studies study guides will be sent home prior to the assessment date
- Common Assessments in each content area



Testing



- ITBS and CogAT testing
September 15th
 - * CogAT- Cognitive abilities
- September 16-18th
 - * ITBS- Reading, Language Arts, Math
- GA Milestones Assessment
 - * English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies



Buford Academy School – Parent – Student Compact



This compact is a written agreement describing how we all agree to share the responsibility for student learning. If you have not already received a copy of this agreement, please let us know. They are also available for pick up in the rack at the front of the building on the wall outside the front office.



Buford Academy Title I Parent/Student/Teacher Compact

As a Parent I agree to...

Be an active participant attending Open House, Curriculum Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, and other events throughout the school year.

Be a supportive parent by having my child read at least 20 minutes five nights each week to help increase their Lexile reading level, by assisting with homework completion, and reviewing school communication nightly.

Be a supportive parent by practicing Math facts with my child at least 10 minutes two or three nights each week.

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As a Teacher I agree to...

Be an active participant by regularly updating PowerSchool and classroom websites, scheduling parent-teacher conferences twice a year, and consistently communicating through phone calls, email and newsletters.

Be a supportive teacher by providing research based differentiated instruction that helps to ensure students can achieve their Reading Lexile goals.

Be a proactive teacher by communicating with parents benchmark data to address standards and skills related to math.

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As a Student I agree to...

Be an active participant by cooperating in classroom activities, asking questions when I do not understand, and completing classroom assignments.

Be a responsible student by reading at least 20 minutes five nights a week, completing my homework, studying for tests, and reviewing school communication with my parents.

Be a responsible student by practicing math facts at home for at least 10 minutes two or three nights a week.

V.I.P. Very Important Parents

- We need help in many different ways throughout the school year.
 - Fall Festival basket (Oct. 8th)
 - Parties
 - * Winter - December
 - * Valentine's Day - February
 - * 3rd grade awards/end of year Luau - May
 - Snacks & treats
 - Helpers in the room



Events at Buford Academy

- All Pro Dads (September 15, November 17, January 12, March 8)
- PTO Family Involvement Night (September 17)
- Fall Festival (October 8)
- Run Raiser (October 30)
- Holiday Chorus Concert (December 3)
- Winter Social (January 22)
- PTO Science Fair & Bingo Night (January 28)
- Parent Conference Days (October 15 & 16 and March 17 & 18)
- Arts Night (March 29)
- Field Day (May 13)
- 3rd Grade Awards and Talent Show (May 24)

**Follow BA on Twitter.
@BufordAcademy**



**Compliments, Suggestions, Ideas?
Scan with your phone
to send your input.**





Thank You!

Our children are our future!

If you have further questions, feel free to
schedule a conference.

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