

Sheehy News

Every third grader should be reading 15-30 minutes every night at home. The children may read fiction or non-fiction, magazines or books. You may read with your students take some time to read aloud and allow your child to read aloud as well. Always take time to talk about and experience the story or article together. Practice really helps us grow as readers! I have given a reading log for the month of September. It says Book It, but Book It does **not officially begin until next month!**

Keeping the **video games off** for the school week at least would be so helpful. The video games are very high energy and brought in at such high speeds. The lights and the action really over stimulate the brain. I cannot do flips and encounter the flashing of lights like the video games. The children will be much more able to pay attention and I can keep their attention better, if I am not competing with high stimulation of the brain at night all throughout the week. Maybe save video game time to the weekend in very limited amounts of time. Thank you so much. Your children should be able to engage in learning better and retain more of the learning as well.

Handwriting Counts! The forming of letters and words has already improved greatly. Please help me out and encourage personal best handwriting on all homework as well! Numbers and letter!

Phonics practice. 3rd grade doesn't do a ton of phonics teaching most of that work was completed before the child enters 3rd grade. You will see a phonics test in the test packet. Please take some time to go over this with your child even if they did perfectly. Extra practice of sounding out words, matching sounds, and showing what they know will help. **There is a Phonics section on the IREAD test** that we will take in March. Some of our students need extra practice in this area.

Planners are so important. It is the best way for us to stay in touch! Please make a habit of signing your child's planner each day. They get paid coins for a job well done, and I have the peace of mind that someone is looking in on each child nightly with their 3rd grade learning!! You can also reach me at csheehyclass@hobart.k12.in.us and 942-4251 ext 8747. Notes in the planner are the best way to communicate a transportation change. I initial it and send to the office then no call is necessary interrupting learning during the school day. Thank you so much!!!