

October 28, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your third grader received a cabbage plant recently to grow at home. Bonnie Plants is sponsoring a cabbage- growing contest. The child who grows the largest cabbage in Mississippi will win a \$1,000 scholarship. The contest deadline for entering is actually **September 30, 2017**, so if your child's cabbage is growing well, do not uproot it in order to bring it to class. These plants are not the ordinary variety of cabbage. They are expected to get very large.

We expect your child to record information on the attached chart. Students need to measure their cabbage plant, water and fertilize it, weed around it, and check it for bugs each week for ten weeks. You also need to take a picture of your child with his/her plant after the chart is completed and send it in along with the completed chart and paragraph.

Each student will write a summary telling how he/she took care of the plant, how it grew, and how the plant looks at the time the summary is written. If the plant dies, the student will still be expected to write a summary about how he/she cared for the cabbage plant and what he/she thinks caused it to die. **The completed chart, paragraph, and a picture will be due on Tuesday, January 10. This will all count as a PBA grade in Science for the third nine weeks.**

If your child's plant thrives and you feel it has a chance in the contest, take a picture of it before September 10, 2017, and bring it to your child's 3rd grade teacher. Each teacher will decide on a class winner, and an entry form will be completed and sent in along with each class winner's cabbage picture. Your child could be a class winner or the contest winner! Good luck to your child, and we hope he/she will have fun taking care of this super cabbage plant.

Thanks,

Third Grade Teachers

Name _____

Cabbage Growth Chart

Week	Dates	Measure Height and Width	Water	Fertilize	Weed	Check for Bugs
1	October 24 th -28 th					
2						
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4						
5						
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