



ROBERT J. O'BRIEN STEM ACADEMY

Third Grade Compact

PRINCIPAL: DR. LESLEY MORGAN-THOMPSON
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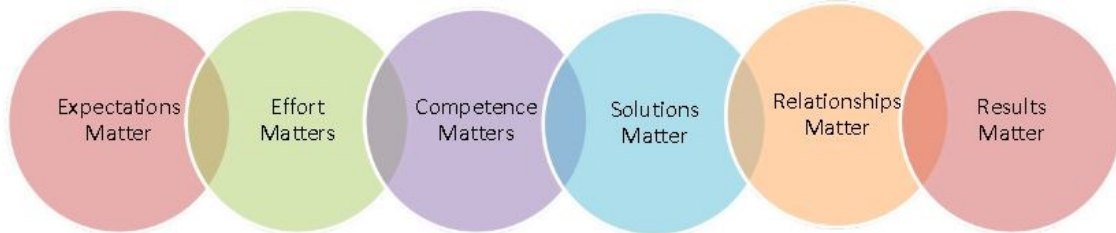
A High Quality Learning Experience for Every Child, Every Day

Schools that are the Pride of our Community



O'Brien STEM Academy Mission

The O'Brien STEM Academy community will work in partnership to educate all students to their fullest potential. We will ensure that our students develop into respectful citizens and world-class learners who are prepared to meet global challenges in the 21st century.



Please sign up for eNotify on www.easthartford.org to learn more about important things happening at Robert J. O'Brien

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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In Our Third Grade Classrooms

Math

- Place Value and estimating to nearest hundred
- Adding and subtracting within a thousand
- Mastery of multiplication and division 0-12 facts
- Fractions– identify, comparing and equivalent
- Measurement and interpretation of data
- Problem Solving

Science

- Matter
- Rocks and Minerals
- Earth’s Resources
- Animal Adaptations

Students will learn to ask and answer questions, plan and carry out investigations based on scientific evidence.

Literacy

- Students will read, listen and discuss a variety of genres within both literature and informational text. The primary focus throughout 3rd grade is learning to construct written responses using evidence from the text to support their answers.
- Through the use of the Writer’s Workshop model, students will learn to plan, write, revise, edit and publish a variety of pieces. The genres include personal narrative, opinion writing, realistic fiction and informational. Students are expected to apply conventions of standard English including capitalization, punctuation and spelling.

Key Connections and Communication

Third grade teachers at O’Brien STEM Academy each teach Literacy/Social Studies or Mathematics/Science. Therefore, your child will have different teachers for these content areas.

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PARENTS - TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

Third Grade Parent and Teacher Compact

The parents, students and staff of Robert J. O'Brien STEM Academy developed this School-Parent Compact for Student Achievement. Teachers outlined and suggested grade level expectations, parents added ideas to make them more specific and everyone came together to develop an at-home resource for families. Meetings will be held annually to review the Compact and make changes based on students' needs.

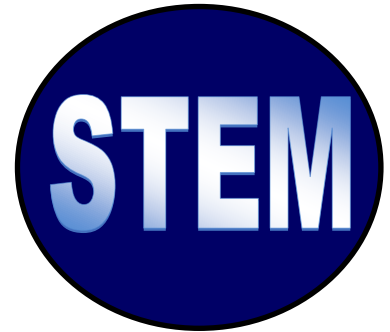
Parents can contribute comments at any time.

Technology

- Technology Coach for Teacher Professional Development
- Four student computers in every classroom
- iPads for each classroom
- Two Computer Labs
- Storaia
- Adobe Voice
- Designated Technology Class

Science

- STEM Coach for Teacher Professional Development
- STEM Lab with a K-2 focus on beginning Inquiry
- Departmentalized grades in 3-5 to support one hour of Science daily.
- Inquiry model learning and Engineering units
- Curriculum-based Field Trips



Third Grade Social Studies

- Social and Emotional Development
- Connecticut and Local History
- Map Skills

Behavior Hall of Fame

Students are selected by their homeroom teachers to join the Behavior Hall of Fame in recognition of their positive behavior and consistent following of our Three Ways To Be. After nomination by the teacher, a student's family is invited to attend the next Behavior Hall of Fame breakfast, where their child's achievement will be recognized.

O'Brien "Three Ways to Be"

**Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe**

Building Partnerships with Families

Family and Community Fun Nights

Here are a few of the ways students, teachers and families work together to achieve our goals!

If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or receive more information about our Food Pantry and Family Resource Center, please contact:

Margie Williams
860-622-5777

Back to School Fair
O'Brien Open House
Cultural Night
STEM Career Fair
Invention Convention
Commit to Stay Fit
Black History Night
Parent Talk Café
Engineering Night
Science Fair
Summer Reading Challenge

Attendance Policy

Daily attendance and participation in the classroom support student growth. O'Brien staff recognize and celebrate students with strong attendance on an ongoing basis.

To promote communication, we ask that families contact the school if their child will be absent or tardy. O'Brien will communicate with families through daily phone calls if your child is absent, attendance notices and letters. By working together, we will ensure that our students are successful.

Around Town

- **East Hartford Library**
860-289-6429
- **Crossroads After School Program**
860-622-5153
- **YMCA Programs**
860-289-6612
- **Parks and Recreation**
860-291-7160
- **O'Brien Main Office**
860-622-5760

Nurse's Corner

For the health and safety of all children, please keep your child home if:

- Fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Severe cough
- Nasal congestion with yellow/green mucus
- Eye redness with drainage
- Sore throat with fever
- Stomachache with fever

Your child may return if:

No fever for 24 hours

No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours

A sore throat, eye redness are seen by a doctor

Nurse Swaun
860-622-5763

Student Uniforms

Where to buy: CT Shirtman, 70 Tolland Street East Hartford, CT
Phone Number: (860) 216- 5496

Shirt Colors: Navy, gray or green with STEM logo. Shirts with the EH logo or missing the O'Brien STEM logo are not acceptable. Solid black or white shirts may be worn under the STEM uniform shirt.

Pant/Skirt/Shorts Colors: **Black or khaki uniform style.** Jeans, leggings, navy bottoms/dresses and colorful tights are not acceptable. Solid color tights, e.g., black or white, may be worn under uniform style bottoms. Solid black or gray sweatpants can be worn on PE days.

Shoes: Sneakers must be worn on gym days. Sock colors must be black, white, gray, brown or tan. Flip flops, slide-in shoes or slippers of any style (including moccasins or slipper boots) are not acceptable.

Outerwear, hats, slippers and tights with patterns or colors will not be permitted.

