What are T.E.A.M. Binders?

The T.E.A.M. Binder is a three ring binder that students in my class will use everyday to help develop their organizational skills and promote responsibility as a third grader. Third grade is a big transitional year where the students will become more independent and really need a good organizational foundation to build upon. It contains folders, pockets, and sheet protectors. The binder is a way of maintaining effective communication between home and school. Hopefully this binder will eliminate lost homework and disorganized backpacks.

Why is it called a T.E.A.M. Binder?

The acronym T.E.A.M. stands for Together Everyone Achieves More. Together, the students, teachers, and parents can communicate effectively using these binders and work together to create a successful year of learning.

What will I find inside?

Inside your T.E.A.M. Binder you will find these components:

<p>| This is a small pouch in the front of the notebook. It can be used for lunch money, field trip money, book orders, or any other |</p>
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<th>money that may need to be turned in at school. It will also be used to hold any flashcards the students may make (for example: multiplication flashcards).</th>
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| **Sheet Protectors** | These are used to help preserve important classroom/school information. You may find:  
• Homework helpers: hundreds charts, number grid, etc.  
• Spelling Assignment explanations  
• Reading/Writing Strategy reminders  
• Reading Logs  

*Other sheet protectors may be added if a need exists.* |
| **Planner** | Third graders will be responsible for keeping track of their own homework this year. Adequate time will be given for students to copy their homework assignments into their planners each day. |
| **Pocket Folder** | The folder will serve as a place for graded work, notes home, homework papers, and all other paperwork to be safely transported to and from school. |

**T.E.A.M. Binder Rules**

- Please DO NOT draw or doodle on or in your T.E.A.M. Binder. Treat it with respect. Take good care of your T.E.A.M. Binder as you will have it all year long.
- Please DO NOT let any of your friends have anything out of your T.E.A.M. Binders.
• Use your T.E.A.M. Binder! It is your useful, organizational tool. If you listen and put the papers and other items in the designated areas you will be organized. Every paper has a home. I shouldn’t see your backpack a mess!
• When you receive a new letter or list please remove the old item.
• Keep it clean. Try not to eat or drink anything near it (so that it doesn’t get spilled on). Remember, your binder needs to last you the whole year.
• Bring your T.E.A.M. Binder home with you every night and bring it back to school every morning. When you have completed your homework at home, put it back in your T.E.A.M. Binder immediately.
• Share your T.E.A.M. Binder with your family everyday. They will be so proud of your wonderful organizational skills.