Dear 3rd Graders and Parents,

I sure hope you had a very nice summer vacation and that you are looking forward to the beginning of the new school year. I am really excited to get to know you and your child. Your child’s room number is #003.

Here are a few tips to make school go well for your 3rd grader.

Put their name on **everything** they bring to school: jackets, book bags (no wheels, we don’t have room for them), lunch boxes and school supplies.

Have your child bring a book bag to school every day so he/she has a place to put papers and homework. Send in lunch money in **an envelope** marked with child’s name, amount and lunch count number.

**Back to School Night**: Please come! It is going to be\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is your opportunity to see how the classroom works. It’s your chance to have questions answered. This evening will help you understand what your child is doing in school each day.

COMMUNICATION: I love to talk with you about your child’s progress. BUT PLEASE REMEMBER: ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES, though convenient for you, ARE NOT TIMES WHEN I CAN TALK WITH YOU. They are very busy times and I need to focus on getting the children started in the morning and on the bus in the afternoon. Please jot a note and send it with your child in the homework binder, or call the school and leave a message, or email me. I’ll be sure to return your note or email with an answer, or call you as soon as I can. Make sure your phone number is always up to date with the office. Let me know if your number is changed so I can reach you if there is ever an emergency!

VISITS: The school district has a policy designed to ensure the safety of all children to the best of our ability. Please register in the office and pick up a badge when you enter the building. You must go to the office to pick up or drop off your child. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT SIGNING IN AT THE OFFICE.

BIRTHDAYS: We love to celebrate birthdays! You are invited to send a snack for the class to share on your child’s birthday. It helps me plan if you send a note in advance. Please keep the snacks somewhat healthy.

TOYS- Toys and electronics are **not** to be brought to school. Please check your child’s book bag and help enforce this rule.

ABSENCES: Please remember to send in an excuse on the day your child returns from an absence. Attendance and excuses are closely monitored, and “no excuse” results in an illegal absence. Have them complete their make-up work and return it to school within 1 or 2 days of returning to school. If you want to pick up work for your child, please call in the morning so I have time to gather it. This is a great idea so your child doesn’t fall behind.

VOLUNTEERS: Our education program is enriched when adult volunteers are able to spend time helping in the classroom. I will have a sign up at Back to School Night. We need you!!! We especially need adults who can volunteer an hour each week to help with guided reading groups.

MY GOALS: This is such an exciting time of year. It is a new beginning. I look forward each year to meeting a new third grade class and their families. I will do my best to ensure your child is challenged, happy and successful in third grade. My goal is to provide an inviting educational setting. My goal is to make sure every child is treated with dignity and respect by all class members. My goal is for you and your child to be truly amazed at the end of the school year at how much he/she has grown and learned.

We have many exciting plans for this year. I want every child in our class to have a wonderful third grade experience. Please inform me of your concerns regarding your child throughout the year. You are the most important people in your child’s life. With all of us working together, your child will make great academic progress.

Love,

Mrs. Rickabaugh

 **Supply List -Third Grade**

**Your child needs to have these supplies by the first day of school!**

It is important that everyone has their materials so we can get organized the first day of school! I will be putting labels on binders and folders with in the first week.

* 1” black binder (no trapper keepers!)
* 2-Folders to put into your binder( with holes)
* pencil box or zippered pencil bag
* Crayons
* Large pink erasers(one every month)
* 1 pack of construction paper
* scissors
* Glue sticks (send them in as then need them)
* Pencils- 12 per month (sharpened please!)
* pencil sharpener with case for shavings
* 3 pocket folders with prongs(no holes) (solid green, blue, and red)
* 1-composition book(LA)
* 1 pack Expo markers, (taped with your name on each marker) we use these everyday

For Classroom Use:

* Tissues!!!!!
* stickers
* cups, napkins, spoons
* expo markers
* Clorox wipes!!!

Dear Parents,

We will be using a NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE in our classroom this year. The cost per child is $6.50. The magazine is wonderful for THIRD grader readers. The subjects are science and social studies related and the reading level is geared for third-fourth grade readers. The students will receive and take home numerous colorful issues throughout the school year, which we will be discussing and learning from. A large portion of their science and social studies grade will come from the National Geographic curriculum.

Here is the web link that will give you online access to what I will be teaching along with enrichment ideas so you can work with your child at home.

http://ngexplorer.cengage.com/pathfinder/

Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the classroom during the first week of school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rickabaugh

Please return this bottom portion with the $6.50 magazine money.

Child’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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