

June 17, 2021

Dear New Third Graders,

Welcome to third grade! I am really looking forward to September, and I am really hoping that we will be able to be together in one classroom, but only time will tell. We are going to have a great time getting to know each other, and I think you are going to be excited about the many great activities that I have already started planning for us.

In math we will be working on adding and subtracting bigger numbers, and we will be learning how to multiply and divide. In social studies we will continue to learn about communities, but we will be learning about world communities and traditions. In science we will be learning about weather, balanced and unbalanced forces, electric and magnetic interactions, interdependent relationships in ecosystems, inherited traits from parents, the influence the environment has on traits, and fossils. In ELA we will spend lots of time in guided reading groups, and working on various phonics, spelling, and word work activities that will help you become better readers and writers.

There are so many wonderful books to read in third grade. Of course, you should also be reading throughout the summer! I have attached a chart called "Summer Reading Log" where you can record your summer reading books for the summer. Bring it back in September so we can talk about all of the great books you have read, and we can share them with each other.

One of my other favorite things about teaching is taking you on field trips. This past year we did not get to go on any due to Covid, so I am hopeful that we will get to go someplace next year.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful summer, and that you have the opportunity to read lots of books. September will be here before you know it and I can't wait!

Enjoy Your Summer,

Mrs. Ross

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to third grade! As crazy as this past year was, I am sure you are all thankful for the amount of time your child was able to spend in school. Even though I know many of their faces, it was nice to spend a short amount of time with them today, and get to know them a little bit better. Today we talked about the things we are going to do this summer, and some things we are excited about for next year.

For those of you who do not know much about me, I was born and raised in Conesville and attended GCCS as a student. After graduating from Gilboa I attended the State University of New York at Cortland, where I received degrees in Elementary Education Birth to Grade 6, and Special Education. When I returned to my family's home in Conesville, I was hired as a first-grade teacher at GCCS. I then attended SUNY Albany, and received my master's degree in reading. I taught first grade for 13 years, and then I was asked to move to a newly departmentalized 5th and 6th grade. While in 5th and 6th grade for 4 years I taught science, ELA, and reading. I also taught 5/6 resource room, and was a math consultant teacher for 6th grade. This past year was my third year in 3rd grade.

My husband Brien and I live in the town of Conesville, just a short drive from where I grew up. I have two children, Olivia and Garrison. As a family we spend a lot of time on the baseball and softball field, and we enjoy snowmobiling, traveling, attending various sporting events, and going for ice cream.

I am very much looking forward to working with you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, or would just like to introduce yourself, you can email me at aross@gccs.us. Even though it is summer I will be checking my school email frequently. Have a wonderful summer, and please remember to take some time to read with your child each week.

Sincerely,

Amanda Ross

3rd Grade Supply List

- A box of pencils (24 count)
 - A package of crayons
 - A package of markers
- A package of colored pencils only if you would like
 - 2 large erasers
 - A pack of pencil top erasers
 - 4 glue sticks
 - 1 bottle of Elmer's school glue
 - 1 clipboard (just a plain flat one)
- 2 pocket folders (one blue and one green)
 - 4 composition books (100 pages each)
- Flexible pencil pouches to store your crayons, markers, colored pencils, etc.
 - Scissors
- A reusable water bottle with your child's name on it
- Masks (This may change, but we will have to wait for further guidance)

If you could label all of your child's things that would be great! You can just initial all of their markers, crayons, pencils, etc. with a sharpie, and then we will have less sharing, and we will be able to return things to the correct child.

