

June 16, 2023

Dear “New” Third Graders,

Welcome to third grade! I am really looking forward to September, and I can’t wait to see all of you in the new school year. 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 planned for us.

In math we will be learning how to multiply and divide, as well as learning how to find area and perimeter. We will also be doing a lot of work with fractions. In social studies we will be learning about world communities and traditions, as well as goods that are produced in certain areas, such as maple syrup. In science we will be learning about weather, interdependent relationships in ecosystems, inherited traits from parents, the influence the environment has on traits, and fossils. In ELA we will spend a lot 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. We will also be working on becoming expert writers of personal narratives and informational reports.

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. I am hoping to visit the sap house in the spring, and maybe a few other trips related to our science curriculum.

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! I am so glad that this past was normal as it could get. Even though I know many of their faces, it was nice to spend a short amount of time with your children 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 may be new to the area, or who I have not had the opportunity to meet, I would just like to introduce myself. 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 a bachelor's degree 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 fifth 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, who are now both in middle school and high school. As a family we spend a lot of time on the baseball and softball field. 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. 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

- All supplies will be provided by the school this year
- It is optional if you would like to purchase flexible pencil pouches to store your crayons, markers, colored pencils, etc.
- A reusable water bottle with your child's name on it

