

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade! We are excited to start this school year off! We look forward to all of the hard work from all of our students. We are excited to work closely together with each and every family.

This is the first year that your child will be taking the NYS Math and ELA tests. With your support and guidance, we will be preparing your child with all the necessary test taking skills they need for these exams.

In math, we will be learning multiplication, division, equivalent fractions, area, perimeter and much more. It is very important to practice with your child their times tables on a nightly basis. Our inquiry content based (science and social studies) units will go along with our reading and writing units. Your child will be given one monthly project during each unit to complete at home. These will be presented in class and will be an important part of their report card grade. We will be going on field trips to support our inquiry units.

The transdisciplinary themes that will be covered this year are as follows:

- **Unit 1** – Where We Are in Place and Time: How to Stay Safe During Natural Disasters (Science)
- **Unit 2** – How We Express Ourselves: China's Culture, History, Geography and Government (Social Studies)
- **Unit 3** – Sharing the Planet: Animals and Plants in Varied Ecosystems (Science)
- **Unit 4** – How We Organize Ourselves: Our Pale Blue Dot (Geography)
- **Unit 5** – How the World Works: Forces and Interactions (Science)
- **Unit 6** – Who We Are: Culture and Traditions of Africa (Social Studies)

Our school will be having Curriculum Night in September and Parent-teacher Conferences in November. Until then, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to leave a message in the office or contact us on ClassDojo and we will contact you at our earliest convenience.

We have attached a supply list that is essential for your child's success. It is important that your child comes to school equipped with the tools that he/she needs to learn. Students are asked to bring the supplies to school as soon as possible so we can get into our routines and getting organized.

Working together equals success!!

Sincerely,

Third Grade Teachers

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Supply List**

- 4 - boxes of pencils (Keep 1 pack at home)
- 1 - 12" inch ruler with both inches and centimeters (Keep at home)
- 1- box of gallon ziplock bags
- 1- box of sandwich ziplock bags
- 2 – boxes of tissues
- 2 – rolls of paper towels
- 2 – boxes of hand wipes (antibacterial wipes)
- 1 – pair of scissors
- 1– pack of dry erase markers
- 1 – pack of post-its 3x3 **lined**
- 1 – pack of index cards size 3X5 **lined** (Multi-colored pack: pink, orange, yellow, green) ?
- 2 – boxes of crayons (1 for school, 1 for home)
- 2 – packs of glue sticks