

September 6, 2006

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new school year and I hope you had an enjoyable summer. I would like to inform you of the operation of our classroom this year.

Third grade is going to be an exciting and challenging year for your child. I will be using a learning center approach for independent work time while I am instructing small groups of students. The centers include: reading/writing; math; social studies/science; art; cooking and computer.

As part of our cooking center, we will be making many things throughout the year. It is of **vital** importance that you inform me if your child is **allergic** to any particular foods.

The computer center will include instruction and research using the internet. My husband has created a web page for our class. The url address is: www.ebeily.com. I will be posting assignments and other activities on this site. I would like to post class pictures of projects we do throughout the year. No names will be used - only students' initials. They will also have an e-mail account. The e-mail accounts are set up in such a way that I monitor everything that is received. I would also like your e-mail address so that we can communicate often on the progress of your child. Attached to this letter is a permission slip. Please sign and return it as soon as possible.

The children will be provided a snack time in the morning. Each child is responsible for his/her own snack if they wish to have one. I strongly encourage **nourishing** snacks.

Birthday treats are always welcome. Children at this age still enjoy celebrating their birthday in school and often look forward to bringing something in to share on that special day.

Your child will have homework in all subject areas this year and will be responsible for handing in assignments on time as well as studying for tests. A homework notebook will come home each night. Any assignment your child has will be written in the notebook. **He/she is then to bring the notebook and completed work back to school the next day.**

The children will be given one "grace" day to allow for family situations that may arise. **If not completed the second day, they will remain after school to complete it.** This is a big responsibility and I will be teaching them ways to learn these important study skills. Please remind your child of the importance of this responsibility.

Weekly rubrics will be used this year. The purpose of these rubrics is twofold: first to have your child take responsibility for his/her own learning and reflect on that learning; secondly, to keep an open weekly communication with you, their parents. Rubrics will go home on Monday for the previous week. **Please sign the rubric and have your child return it the next day.**

There will be a **3rd grade informational meeting** in my room on **Thursday, September 7th from 6:30-7:30.** I hope that you will be able to attend.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If at any time you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please don't hesitate to contact me at school, home or by e-mail.

Sincerely,
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Our schedule:

Lunch: 12:20-1:05

Monday: Music

Book Exchange

Tuesday: Gym

Chorus: 2:15-3:05

Wednesday: Gym

Thursday: Library

Friday: Art

Odyssey(Project Think)/Global Village

PERMISSION FOR WEBSITE AND E-MAIL ACCOUNTS

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD, _____
TO HAVE HIS/HER PICTURES OF CLASS PROJECTS PLACED
ON MRS. ESPOSITO'S WEB SITE. I UNDERSTAND THAT NO
NAMES WILL BE USED WITH THE PICTURES, ONLY
INITIALS.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD, _____ TO
USE THE E-MAIL ACCOUNT ON MRS. ESPOSITO'S CLASS
WEBSITE.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IS: _____