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#### Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Welcome to the start of the 2019-2020 school year. I will be one of your child's teachers this year and am very excited about the learning opportunities and wonderful projects that will take place. I have been teaching for a total of 7 years and at Lea for 6 years. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education from Eastern University and a Masters Degree in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Education from Nova Southeastern University. I am also in the process of earning my PhD in General Psychology with an Emphasis in Cognition and Instruction through Grand Canyon University. This will be my 6th year teaching the 3rd grade. I taught pre-k for one year before coming to Lea.

#### Communication

I feel that it is very important that we communicate as often as possible. I am available by email at anytime and most mornings before school starts. During the instructional day, time is limited, but I will answer all emails in a timely manner and schedule personal conferences as needed. The whole school is using Class Dojo for parent communication and classroom updates. It is very important that when the sign up sheet comes home that you log into Class Dojo and sign up. We have found that it is the easiest way to contact all parents in the event of an emergency.

## **Supply List**

The following is a list of supplies that will be needed this school year. It would be very helpful if the children had all of these things by September 6th.

Six (6) Marble Composition Notebooks
One pack 3 ring lined paper
Five (5) folders with pockets
Two boxes of crayons and/or markers
One pair of safety scissors
Two (2) packs of pencils
One pencil box or large pouch
One school bag
Two (2) boxes of tissues
Three (3) glue sticks
Three (3) dry erase markers
Two (2) one gallon zip lock bags

One container of disinfecting wipes
One bottle of hand sanitizer
One pair of ear buds in a ziplock bag with your child's name on it

Please label your child's personal property. Items like book bags, lunch boxes, coats, hats, gloves and sweaters can easily be mixed up with other student's belongings. If it is clearly labeled it is much easier to keep track of personal items.

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

Please remember it is important for your child to come to school, on time, each day. We will enter the building at 8:30 and dismiss at 3:09. Students will be dismissed into the 47<sup>th</sup> Street schoolyard where they will also be lining up in the morning. It may also be very helpful if parents and students get a buddy from the class so as to get any work or projects that are assigned.

# **Homework Policy**

The third grade receives homework every night. Students are required to read for 20-30 minutes each night during the school week (Monday-Thursday) and then respond to their book in a Reader's Response Log, answering questions that are pasted in the front of their log book. Math homework will be given out as we finish each lesson in the unit.

I am really looking forward to a great school year with your child. Please remember that you can see me almost any morning and always reach me by the email listed at the beginning of this page. If you have any questions please contact me.

Educationally yours,

Mrs. Munford