

August 22, 2007

Dear Third Grade Parents/Guardians,

Hello! I have exciting plans for this year and only need cooperative children to get these things accomplished. Please take time to review the discipline letter with your child and return the signed portion. I'd like for you to spend time using flashcards to practice the addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts throughout the year and encourage your son, daughter, or grandchild to read at home. A class newsletter will be sent home the first day of each school week and will include important dates and the weekly spelling list. Please study these a few minutes each evening to prepare for the Friday test. Your child should spend about 30 minutes each evening reading and practicing math and spelling.

During the year we will be doing some cooking, art projects, science projects, and other things which may require bringing extras from home. We will be writing letters regularly, so if you'd like to send in a box of envelopes, it would be appreciated. Also if you have any "white elephant" type items that you would be happy to part with, please send them in. These items will be "sold" to the children at our "store" which will be open as time permits throughout the year. They can earn "play money" for good behavior, signatures, journaling, and a variety of other things. Items I have sold in the past include jewelry, hotel soaps, small toys . . . definitely child suitable things and small. These items will be sold at my discretion.

We will be using assignment books this year to help students stay organized. I would like you to take the time to check these over each night and sign them if you are satisfied that your child has completed his/her work. By talking to your child about his/her work, you will be showing him/her that you value education. Please expect a folder to come home each evening with notes, the assignment book, and other important papers. It is to be returned to school each morning.

I look forward to visiting with you in the future. There will be opportunities for you to come and spend time at school. We will let you know of upcoming events so you can plan to attend whatever you are able.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Gigstad