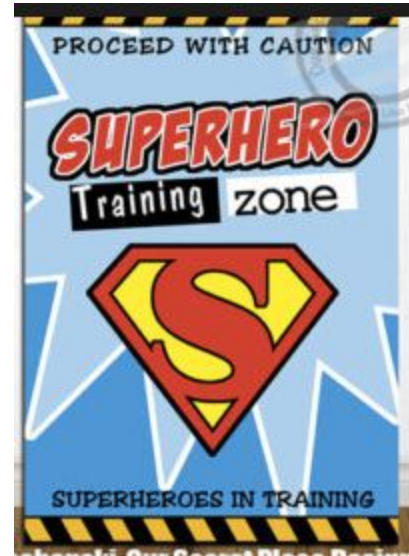


Dear Parents,

Welcome to 3rd grade! My name is Ms. Sulzmann and I am very excited to start this school year. This is my 5th year teaching and have many fun thing in store. Your child will be meeting exciting new challenges in third grade with technology, new friends, and many new skills and knowledge they never knew they had. This year will be a year of growth, responsibility, and independence with great expectations and many high fives cheering on their success. I would like to address several key points for the beginning of the school year:



HOMEWORK: Homework will include reading 20 minutes, practice their math facts everyday, and sort their words to prepare for the assessment on Fridays. I usually provide enough time for other work to be completed. However, if your child chooses to not use their time wisely, they will have to complete any unfinished work at home. It is also their responsibility to have their parent sign their electronic planner every night after you check that their work has been complete.

Every month your child gets a Brownie Point. They need to work at keeping their Brownie Point all month by doing their homework every night. Your child will also qualify for coupons, and other rewards for keeping their Brownie Point all month.

Assignment Planner: Your child will have an electronic planner on their iPad this year. Your student will be expected to copy all the assignments down for the day, and check the completed ones as finished. Their daily behavior will also be recorded with any notes or reminders from me. However, for the first few weeks we'll use a paper agenda booklet until we receive our iPads. You should review this each

night so you know what your child's homework is for the evening. You can also check our classroom website at sulzmann3.weebly.com. I update our website everyday and will have current events along, class announcements, and assignments along with celebrations. It is part of your child's homework to have your sign their planner every night.

School Supplies: Many of your child's school supplies will be community supplies that the class will share, such as pencils, glue sticks, dry erase markers, etc. Therefore, do not send special school supplies that are not on the supply list. Make sure you follow the school supply list down to the color notebooks & folders. They must have headphones that stay at school. These supplies must stay at school to make sure your child is prepared everyday. No automatic pencils please!!

SNACK: Third graders are encouraged to bring in a healthy daily snack. Snacks are to be nutritious and easy to eat. Some suggestions are: fruit (please have oranges pre-cut or peeled), granola bars, cheese and crackers, pretzels, graham crackers, etc. I also encourage the children to have a closed lid water bottle to have in class to keep hydrated and eliminate frequent trips to the water fountain. However, no green Gatorade bottles and they must be sport type water bottles, that don't spill.

BEHAVIOR: All children want and need to feel successful. The best way to achieve this is through positive feedback. The children will receive verbal praise, notes of encouragement, and tickets that can be used in our end of the semester celebration. The tickets may be awarded when your child is "caught being good". The class as a whole is also given points/numbers for whole group positive behavior; points will be used for a class bingo game. When the class gets a "bingo" for positive large group behavior, i.e. quiet in halls, good at specials, staying on task, there will be a class reward activity/incentive.

Our school has a behavior program that involves using a color-coded behavior chart where students, parents, and teachers can visually

track student behavior in the student's agenda. Your child will record their daily behavior on their planner. I will communicate any simple concerns or things your child needs to work on in order to make better choices. Please discuss these notes with your child. The more support and common ground shared with home the better experiences your child will have at school.

BIRTHDAY TREATS: If your child has a birthday during the school year, you may send a treat. Please email me a day or two before to let me know for planning purposes. I do ask that you send something **pre-cut** or **wrapped** so it is clean and easy. At this time, we have about 20 students in our third grade class and no allergies that I know of.

COMMUNICATION: If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school to set up a personal conference. I will be available for a conference before or after school. I may also contact you if I feel it is necessary. The best time to call me is in the mornings (7:30 -8:00) and afternoons (3:30 - 3:45). My e-mail address at school is: broosulz@hssd.k12.wi.us. Please allow 24 hours for me to respond to your e-mail. If you have an emergency, please contact the office.

TWITTER: Follow me at Twitter @BrookeBsulzmann (I will be using this twitter for educational reasons within our classroom)

Youtube: Our classroom Youtube account can be found here...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=As6iYRdP6AY&feature=em-upload_owner

You will be able to find answers to most of your questions on our classroom website. Sulzmann3.weebly.com This is our newsletter. Any special dates, what we are doing in class, homework, and lots of celebrations will be shared here. Take time to bookmark our classroom website to stay informed.

I also have a class remind setup that I use the majority of the time for class reminders of special days and things to help you stay informed. Watch for information on signing up for my remind. By logging into remind.com and entering our class code as mssulzm

I LOOK FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL 3rd Grade YEAR!

Ms. Brooke Sulzmann

P.S. If you read all this information and sign this sheet, your child will receive 5 tickets. This sheet must be returned by Monday, September 7th in order to receive tickets.

I have read all this information that addresses key points in third grade. If I have further questions, I will contact Ms. Sulzmann.

Name of child: _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature_____

If you have any questions you can contact me at broosulz@hssd.k12.wi.us or by phone at 920-662-9704.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sulzmann