



Dear 3rd Grade Families,

My name is Mrs. Ferrell and it is my pleasure to welcome you and your children into my 3rd grade classroom. I've spent much of my summer getting ready for a productive and enriching year of learning, and cannot wait to get started!

This first 6-weeks we will be working on activities that enable the students to get to know each other, develop their specific learning styles, and practice our classroom routine. In math, we will be familiarizing ourselves with the new EnVision math materials and begin "Calendar Time." In Social Studies we will be participating in activities that will bring our class closer together through "community."

Afternoons will be especially invigorating this year. For 30 minutes after recess, students will participate in "Rotation Labs" and have the opportunity to work on a specialized hands-on enriching activity with a different 3rd grade teacher. At the beginning of each new week, your child will "rotate" to a new teacher and begin a new week of hands-on learning activities. This allows the students to work with other peers and teachers, and allows all 3rd grade teachers to become acquainted with your child.

In my classroom, your child will have the opportunity to learn individually, in pairs, in groups, in centers, as well as in a whole class setting. Our classroom environment is one of action, participation, and hands-on involvement.

I have **very** high expectations for **every** student and feel that communication and teamwork between parents and teacher is vital. I will do my best to keep you informed and involved in your child's classroom life. Feel free to reach me via email, telephone, or the web if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions. By working together we can assure that your child receives the best education possible.

Please take the time to go through the attached packet. Read over the materials I prepared for you, sign the back page, and send it back to school with your child. I hope that the information contained there will answer any of your questions and provide some insight as to what this year has in store.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Valerie Ferrell