

Dear New 3rd Grader and Family,

Welcome! I'd like to start with a little bit about me. This year will be my second here at Clear Creek and my 6th year of teaching in my own classroom. I absolutely love 3rd grade (it's really the best year). I have two kids of my own and love going on adventures with them. I love turtles and have a pet turtle of my own. I can't wait to get to know all of you this year.

This year is going to be filled with lots of learning, growth, and excitement. Third grade is such a fun year for students (and me). Academically, some of the highlights for third grade are learning multiplication and division in math; studying about weather, forces, and animal adaptations in science; continuing to grow as readers, focusing on reading comprehension, and beginning to write essays in language arts; and studying about our state's native people, government, and history in social studies.

Third grade is a big year for fun projects and activities as well. We will create paper bag masks in the fall, design dream houses in the winter, and plant and grow cabbages in the spring. Students will get a chance to learn and use new computer programs in the classroom as well.

I cannot wait to get this school year started! There is a supply list available so you can get prepared. The first few days of school will be spent getting to know each other, practicing classroom routines and procedures, having some fun, and learning about 3rd grade expectations. Our first two days will be minimum days with a 12:15 dismissal, but they will be packed with activities and learning.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at osteffen@clearcreekschool.org or call the school. I really can't wait to see you all back on campus August 15th!

Sincerely,

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