

August, 2023

Dear New Third Grader and Family,

I hope you are enjoying your summer break! But as the end of summer draws near, I am looking forward to meeting you and starting our year together! Third grade is going to be AMAZING and I hope you are as excited I am!

The first day of school will be Monday, August 28. You should definitely bring a healthy snack and water bottle to school with you each day. You will need some other supplies for our year together, too... and what you bring with you during the first week is usually enough to get you through the entire year! Please bring these supplies to school during the first week. We will get our supplies set to start the year, and then I will store the rest so that we can replenish as the year goes on.

You will need:

- 1 box of crayons or colored pencils (maximum 24 count)
- 1 pack of #2 pencils (minimum 18 count, pre-sharpened are awesome!)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 2 highlighters, 2 different colors (minimum 2 highlighters, 1 of each color)
- 4 dry erase markers, at least 2 should be black
- 1 eraser for white boards (a sock without a match works great!)
- 2 composition notebooks (NOT spiral-bound)
- 1 supply box or pencil case (one, NOT both)
- 3 packs of sticky notes (3x3 size recommended, but not required)
- 1 set of earbuds or headphones (IMPORTANT in classroom & specials)
- 1 smock for Art (a slightly oversized old shirt works well)

For the classroom:

- 3 boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizer (minimum of 2)
- Cleaning wipes (alcohol wipes preferred, 1 pack)

I have been organizing things over the summer, and there are a few supplies that you definitely DO NOT need to bring to school (because I already have plenty here to share with you). **The supplies you DO NOT need to bring are: assignment books, glue sticks/bottles, folders, or rulers.**

I am so excited to get our year together started! Parents---please help me to get to know your child in preparation for third grade. Feel free to email me (kford@pvdsd.org) about anything you think I should know about your child's strengths/needs/interests, how you think s/he learns best, and any questions you might have for me. Students---please help me to get to know you better by starting to plan an "introduction" picture or poster. It should show or tell at least three things you want your third grade class to know about you! You DON'T have to make anything just yet. But be ready to work on them during the first week of school and we will share them when we are in class together!

I can hardly wait for the first day of school! Enjoy the remainder of your summer. I will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ford