

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to third grade and the new school year! I am thrilled to have your student in our classroom. Read on to learn about how together, we can make this an exciting and challenging year for your third grader. This electronic mailing includes our list of needed classroom supplies and a personal letter to your 3rd grader introducing myself.



The first day of school is Tuesday, August 22. This is a full day and students will be eating lunch at school. Friday, August 25 is a half day of school. Lunch is not provided on a half day. Dismissal is at 12:10.

TEAM TEACHING INFORMATION

Your child will be a part of a unique, team teaching design between Krissta Hannapel and myself. We began team teaching 6 years ago. Krissta is passionate about language arts, and I am passionate about math. By dividing and conquering, we are able to focus our instruction and provide a high level of differentiation for our students. Many parents have reported that their students benefit from this arrangement and that they love having two teachers.

OPEN HOUSE!

We look forward to seeing you at our open house **Monday, August 21, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm**. Open house is a time for your family to tour Lee and our classroom and do a quick meet-and-greet with Mrs. Hannapel and myself.

Below is the staggered schedule according to last name. We know it's not perfect timing for everyone, but we ask that you please try to stick to your allotted time as best as you can. Our room is 205 in the 3rd grade hallway. **Students are welcome (and encouraged) to bring in their school supplies at this time.**

OPEN HOUSE - Family Time Slots

Time	McFall	Lee	Page
4:00-4:30pm	A-F	S-Z	M-R
4:30-5:00pm	G-L	A-F	S-Z
5:00-5:30pm	M-R	G-L	A-F
5:30-6:00pm	S-Z	M-R	G-L

SPECIAL MEETING NOTE

If you feel there are significant issues that require a deeper conversation with Mrs. Hannapel and myself (medications, home situations, learning/behavioral challenges), please let me know at Open House and we would be happy to set up a meeting with you (either in-person or via Google Meet) to discuss any issues in greater detail.

SUPPLIES

Our supply list is similar to the “generic” 3rd grade list that was previously published but contains **FEWER** needed items. **Please do not send supplies that are not on the list because they’ll just be sent home. Note that headphones are a MUST!**

BACKPACKS

First and foremost, your student needs a backpack to transport items back and forth from home to school.

IN ADDITION TO THAT BACKPACK, your student will use a second backpack to transport their learning supplies and Chromebook back and forth between Mrs. Hannapel’s classroom and my classroom. ***This backpack WILL ALWAYS STAY AT SCHOOL. It will not come home.***

We have found that many students prefer to use a backpack of their own from home. So, if you have an extra backpack at home that your child would like to use/keep at school, your student is welcome to bring it in on the first day of school. We will provide your student with a backpack if you do not have an extra. We will have labels/tags to put on each backpack so each student knows whose is whose.

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA BACKPACKS?

Some students do not have an extra backpack at home. Although we have extras to give to students, we are always looking for more gently used backpacks for students to use here at school to transport supplies and Chromebooks between classrooms. The backpack does not have to be pretty or stylish, just clean and functional. If you have a backpack that you would be willing to donate, Mrs. Hannapel and I will gladly accept it.

DECORATING LOCKERS

Some third graders love to decorate their lockers during this time. We ask that they ***avoid using tape or stickers.*** Magnets are perfectly acceptable for decorating. Thanks in advance from the custodial staff.



TEAM TEACHING COMMUNICATION

First and foremost, we want families to know that **most communication from us will be electronic**. Do not expect a backpack full of newsletters and teacher notes to come home each week.

It is super important for you to update your PowerSchool information so we have a current email address on file for you to receive our classroom and Lee Elementary School's electronic communications.

Please let me know at Open House if you do not have an email address.

If a question or concern arises and it is "math specific," please email me and "cc" Mrs. Hannapel. If it is language arts related, you can email Mrs. Hannapel and "cc" me. We both like to stay informed about all questions or concerns about our students even if it's not in our specific subject area.

Mrs. Hannapel and I schedule our fall and spring conferences together. This year you will have the option to either meet in-person, have a phone conference, or schedule a Google Meet.

EMAIL/PHONE

We love email as a communication tool, and we check it throughout the day as much as time allows us to. The quickest and easiest way to reach me is at jgavette@tkschools.org. Mrs. Hannapel's email address is khannapel@tkschools.org.

Hope to see you at the open house!

Mrs. Gavette