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Dear 3rd Grade Families - Liebe Familien der 3. Klasse

Willkommen and welcome to 3rd grade and to the 2025-2026 school year! We are all looking forward to having a great year with our students and all the families. The year begins quickly, and there is some important information that we would like to share with you right away, so please read this carefully together with your child.

3rd grade model

This year, your child will have a mix of *German and English* 4 days a week, instead of one full German week and one full English week. Students will receive 45 minutes of German instructional time 4 days a week.

Planners

Your children will get a planner to stay **organized**. Part of our daily routine will be to note homework assignments, weekly goals, etc. You may go through the planner with your child and add special family days or important schedule items, as well. The planners are distributed at *no cost to you*! However, if a planner is lost, the school will charge you *\$10.00 for a replacement*. Planners need to go back and forth between home and school each day.

Communication

Communication is essential, and the best way to **communicate** with us is via email. We will always do our best to get back to you as soon as possible, within 24-48 hours. You will receive important updates through our Friday emails, the Class Dojo app, or website <https://sites.google.com/aeacs.org/3rd-aea-es/>. You will get information to connect with your child's Class Dojo account during the first week of school.

Homework and Tests:

You can expect weeknight homework to foster our **self-management** skills this year, Monday-Thursday nights. Usually, this consists of Math (gray pages in the math booklet) and nightly reading (in any language). The more you read, the better you read! To that end, we also encourage your child to *read over the weekend and school breaks*.

We will have Math chapter tests and regular German and English quizzes and tests. They will reflect in-class and homework content. Effort is our focus, as is learning from errors on assessments. Tests are a tool to help learners grow and help teachers and parents better understand where to focus practice and instruction more closely.

We will do MAP testing twice during the year, at the beginning and towards the end of the year as an in-house benchmark. The CAASPP state testing in late May will document all the **knowledge** your child will have gained up to that time.

Uniforms

Uniforms are required and help students to present themselves as **principled** members of our AEA community. Shirts must be *red* or *white*, with the Einstein logo. Shorts, pants, and skirts, as well as outerwear and sweaters, must be *navy blue*. All hairbands, undershirts, tights, and socks, must be red, white, or navy blue. Shoes have to be *closed-toed*. Athletic shoes are important for safe PE and play time.

Attendance

Students are expected to be present for the entire school day and on time *unless they are sick*. The gates will open at *7:45 am for those eating breakfast* and *7:50 am for all other students*. **Class begins at 8:10 am**. School ends at **2:50 pm** on all days, except **Wednesdays at 12:30 pm**. *Students will be marked tardy after 8:10 am*. It is important that all absences are reported to the Front Office. **To report an absence please contact Yissel Carrasco at 619-795-1190 extension 2103 or by email ycarrasco@aeacs.org**.

Birthdays

If you wish to have your child's birthday recognized at school, please let us know in advance. *Food snacks are not permitted for birthdays*. We also ask for **environmentally friendly** items only, if you choose to bring something for your child's classmates. Your child may bring in their favorite book or an art activity to share with the class.

Snacks

With the exception of Wednesdays, students will have both a morning recess and play time before they eat at lunchtime. Wednesday lunchtime will not include a recess with playtime, but they will still have a morning snack. It is very important that your children come to school with a **healthy morning recess snack** to hold them over until lunch. We also encourage you to use *environmentally friendly* containers and *reusable* water bottles instead of single-use plastic items. Remind your child to bring home their water bottle for cleaning regularly.

We are delighted to be working together on the 3rd grade team and are happy to support your child this year!

Sincerely - Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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