

Hello Third Grader

August 10, 1999

Can you believe school is about to start??? I am very excited that you are in my class!! I can't wait till we are all together. This is going to be a great year!!

I am going to need your help this year. When you come to school the first day, you'll see that the room will not be set up yet. I believe the classroom belongs to **ALL** of us so I want you and all the other children to help create the classroom together with me! Between now and when school starts, I want you to think about how **YOU** think our third grade classroom should look. Think about how **YOU'D** like the furniture arranged, what bulletin boards we should have, what colors we should decorate with, where we should put all of our plants and our reading corner, etc.

On August 25th we will have our first class meeting to talk about everyone's ideas. Then together we'll make good decisions and create the classroom of our dreams together. The students I've had in the past **LOVED** creating the classroom and I hope you will too!

On the school supply list for third grade was an extra backpack to be left at school. Look around and see if you have an old backpack that you aren't using. We'll need it to store our materials in because we will be sitting at tables. If you come across more than one old backpack and would be willing to share with a classmate, that would be very generous.

For the first week of school we will be spending time getting to know one another. I'd like each of us to bring in a picture of our family. If you have any pets I know we'd like to see pictures of them, too! You will be able to bring the pictures home when we're done. I can't wait to share my pictures with you!

I also want you to think about your favorite book. I love to read and I would like to have you share a book with our class. You don't have to be able to read it. You just need to tell us about the book and why it is special to you. I'll bring my favorite book, too!! (I have so many- I hope I can decide!!)

I always like to have a time to meet my students before the first day of school. So on Tuesday, August 17 from 4:00-6:00 I will be at the Creekside School playground. I'll have cookies and juice and you can come and meet me. You can also meet our classroom assistant. Plus you will have a chance to meet the other students in our class. I hope you and your family will be able to drop by. I am so anxious to meet you!!!

I just know we are going to have a wonderful year! You are going to learn so many new things!!! I loved third grade. It was my favorite year!!! I hope it will be yours too!

I hope to see you on Tuesday night. If you can't make it, don't worry, I'll see you outside on August 25th. Don't forget to bring your favorite book and your family pictures!

Love,

Mrs. Weincek  
(pronounced wine-sek)