


Hello, Third Grader!

Welcome! I am very excited to be your teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. I know that we are going to have an amazing year together in **THIRD GRADE!**



Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I absolutely **LOVE** to teach! Our class will have a wonderful year learning together. My **FAVORITE** part about being a teacher is being able to have **FUN** and **LAUGH** with my students. We will laugh a lot together this year!

Mr. Gilluly and I have two fantastic children! Our daughter, Paige, has just started her senior year in college. Our son, Patrick, will soon begin his senior year in high school. We enjoy spending time with our two furry family members  —Maeve, our sweet, slow-moving 8-year-old dog, and Remi, our brand-new, extremely energetic puppy! You will hear a lot about my family this year. I am looking forward to learning about your family, too!

There are so many interesting journeys we will go on together throughout our learning this year. For example, in Science, we will learn about Lifecycles and our out-of-this world Solar System! In Social Studies, we will study immigration and celebrate the many different cultures within our classroom family. We will also study Economics and learn the value of earning and spending our own money! We will build on our math skills, including learning how to multiply and divide, with our Math in Focus program. In Reading, we will learn about the difference between "fake reading" and "real reading" through the use of comprehension reading strategies.

I hope you are getting excited to be an important part of our third grade team this year! As a teammate, I need your help to make the beginning of the year amazing. Please make sure you log in to your laptop before the first day of school. That will help our first meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> to run smoothly!

Over the next few days, find a cozy spot, and keep reading! Try a new book, or revisit a favorite book that you've read in the past. Practice your addition and subtraction facts because it will be important for you to know them this year.

Enjoy the last few days of your summer, and stay safe! I can't wait to start our year together! I'll see you (virtually) on Tuesday!

Your New Third Grade Teacher,

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Hello, Parents!

Welcome to Third Grade! Third Grade is an important year in your child's education, and I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to be a part of it. I look forward to partnering with you to ensure a successful year for your child.

I am a graduate of Penn State University where I have earned undergraduate degrees in Human Development and Family Studies, Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. My time at Butler began in 1995 as a student teacher in a kindergarten classroom. Following my student teaching experience, I was fortunate to be hired as a kindergarten teacher right across the hall! I could not have asked for a better start to my teaching career! I have been teaching for 26 years --all at Butler—and have since earned my Masters degree in Elementary Education at Cabrini College. I went on to complete 30+ additional graduate credits to develop my teaching skills. I have taught kindergarten, first, second and third grade. I am excited to be teaching third grade this year!

I would like to share some information with you to help your child get off to a smooth start this year:

You should have already picked up your child's laptop which we will use for daily instruction. Please have your child practice logging on and off prior to the first day of school. Your child needs to know his or her username and password before logging in, so it will be greatly beneficial to practice this before Day 1. Included with this communication, you will find step-by-step instructions for helping your child to log in to Microsoft TEAMS for our first classroom meeting of the school year. Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020, beginning at 9:05 A.M.** Please help your child with the login steps so he or she can successfully join our first meeting.

The first week schedule will look a little different than the rest of the year. During the first week, I will be teaching our class how to navigate Canvas and Microsoft TEAMS. We will be getting to know each other with fun activities! An academic schedule, including a schedule for specials, is currently being finalized by administration. Curriculum materials will be distributed next week, and a schedule will be sent out to the community.

Since your child is going to be learning from home, it is important to have a quiet space designated for schoolwork and the school day. I recommend that this is a place where students can sit upright, just as they would in the classroom. It is also important to have school supplies readily available in this space. In your child's learning space, please have supplies such as headphones, paper, pencils, crayons, sticky notes, scissors, dry erase markers, a dry erase board and a water bottle available for use. Your child should also have an independent reading book readily available. Students should have all textbooks and workbooks in their learning space as well. During lessons and activities, **students will need these supplies ready to go**, so it is important to have them easily-accessible.

I'm looking forward to a terrific year with all of my third grade families! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at [LGilluly@cbsd.org](mailto:LGilluly@cbsd.org).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lanette Gilluly

