

Welcome to Mrs. Szczypiorski's
2020-2021 3rd Grade Family



Dear 3rd Grader ,

I am so excited that you are going to be in my Class this year! Even though our school year will begin much differently than in years past, we are going to have a **BLAST** with our new 3rd grade family! In our Classroom family we will **RESPECT** everyone and have **FUN** while we learn! We will have a chance to learn a lot of exciting things about each other this year.

This summer, I spent a lot of “staycation” time with my family. We played a lot of games, went on long walks, read books (my favorite), and played cards! My husband Kevin and I have three wonderful children. Their names are Matthew (22), Ryan (17), Katie (12), and Poppy (he’s our crazy dog...he is super silly and really does eat homework...☺). They are so much fun and they make me laugh. Matthew and Ryan are **HUGE** sports fans (like me) and we love to watch our Philly teams in action! Matt will be going into his Senior year at Penn State University! I am looking forward to seeing the Nittany Lions play again this year, but it looks like I’ll have to wait until the spring! Ryan is quite an **adventurer**. He is so creative and has an **AWESOME** imagination! He will be a 12th grader at **CB EAST** this year and will soon make his decision on what college he will attend next fall! Katie is **SUPER** silly and she keeps me on my toes ☺. She is very active. She plays field hockey, basketball, and softball. She will be in **7th grade** this year at **TOHICKON MIDDLE SCHOOL!**



There are so many interesting journeys we will go on together this year in our learning. 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 continue with our super cool Math in Focus program in Math! As a teacher, I really enjoyed teaching this program last year! We will play an **AWESOME** game, called “**Survivor**” to help us learn our math facts. It’s so much fun! I know you’ll love it! In Reading, we will learn about the difference between “fake reading” and “real reading” through the use of comprehension reading strategies. I will also share with you how I learned to ❤️ reading!

Over the summer, find some cozy spots, and keep reading. Try a new book or revisit a favorite book that you’ve read in the past. Books are like a favorite toy, they like to be remembered and you will find something new in them every time! Practice your addition and subtraction facts because it will be important for you to know them this year. Keep a journal of all the **FABULOUS** things you did with your family and maybe some friends, this summer!

Enjoy the rest of your **summer** and stay safe!!!! I can’t wait to meet you and your families!

Regards.



Mrs. Szczypiorski

P.S. In case you have not heard, I am a
HUGE, I mean **HUGE, EAGLES** fan!!!

E-A-G-L-E-S EAGLES!!!

Dear C~103 Parents,

I am pleased to introduce myself to you as your son/daughter's 3rd grade teacher for the 2020 - 2021 school year! I am thrilled to say that I am entering my 26th year of teaching. I ❤️ teaching 3rd grade!

This is a pivotal year for your child and I am glad to be such a big part of it! I look forward to sharing more about myself with you at our virtual **Back to School Night**. It will be held on **Tuesday, September 15th**. The time has not yet been determined. I would like to share a few important things with you prior to the start of the year.

1. The schedule for our first week of school will be different then the building schedule. Our normal building schedule will begin the week of September 14th. We will be using our first week of school to build community in our classroom, focus on navigating technology, and establish routines.
2. Materials will be distributed next week. Please keep an eye out for the distribution schedule. CHILDREN WILL NOT NEED MATERIALS FROM THIS BAG FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!
3. If possible, it would be very helpful if your child could practice logging on to their laptop prior to next week.
4. We will be using TEAMS again this year to hold class meetings. The following link is what your child will need to use this year for our morning meetings. Our morning meetings will begin each day at 9:05. We will have our first morning meeting on Tuesday, September 8th.

TEAMS LINK - https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MGQyOWNiMTEtY2E3MC00NmNkLWEyYmYtZWNiODk4OTMhZGNI%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22aa0b488f-fc9e-4185-a5e3-384220df23ca%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22bf80380a-146d-435d-b941-6d2bac8b1b85%22%7d

I have included some important 3rd grade information and our 3rd Grade Curriculum Focus! Please review them carefully and if you have any questions, I will be happy to address them! **ENJOY** the remainder of summer! I look forward to working with you this year and watching your child grow ☺!

Fondly,

Mrs. Krista Szczypioski

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Curriculum Focus:

Solar System/planets
Life cycles/butterflies
Motion Unit
Social Studies Alive (S.S. curriculum)
Our Community/Economics/Geography
Multiplication and Division facts
Cursive writing
Lead 21 (Reading Series)
Math in Focus (new for this school year)
Understanding a variety of literary genres.
"Being A Writer" ~ Language Arts series



Mrs. Szczypiorski's



Supply List

Please put your child's **first and last name** on all supplies! Please bring all supplies with you on the first day of school! Extra materials such as pencils can be kept at school!



1 old sock (to be used as an eraser)

2 sharpeners (1 for school and 1 for home)

6 two-pocket folders in the following colors: blue, red, yellow, purple, and 2

green - Please buy the **PLASTIC folders!** They are very sturdy and will last all year!

1 **sturdy** folder of **YOUR CHOICE** to be used for your homework!

1 marble composition book

1 pack of 3" x 3" post-it notes


1 Black Sharpie - fine point

1 **sturdy** pencil case with zipper



If you could take all items out of the packaging prior to sending them to school, that would be greatly appreciated! A basket will be provided for your child to hold their desk materials! Thank you!

How to Be Prepared for the First Day of Third Grade

 **Outcome:** Students will be able to log onto Canvas and find the TEAMS link for our first, class meeting!



1. Click on **Microsoft Edge** to open a browser.



- 2.

Your child should see his/her **Class Link page**, which looks similar, to this example!



3. Click on the **CANVAS** symbol.



4. This should be the screen you see.



5. Click on the course that says **Homeroom**.



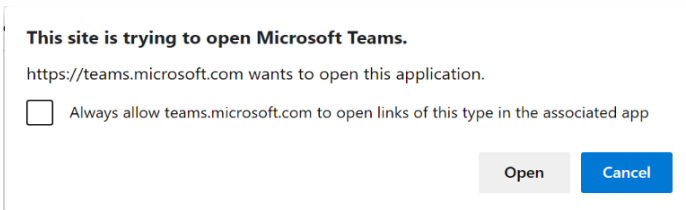
6. This should be the screen you see **after clicking on Homeroom!**



7. Scroll to the bottom of the page and find this row of icons.



8. Click on the Teams Meeting icon.



9. You might get this pop-up screen. **If you do, click open.**



10. Teams should then open and you will see me **smiling** at you 😊!



11. Be sure the **video is ON** and the **microphone is OFF**. Then click **JOIN NOW**.

I will see you soon lovebugs!!!! I am so excited to finally meet you! We are going to have an **AWESOME** year together!!!



OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Day 1: September 8	
9:00-10:00	Whole Group Check In #1
10:00-10:30	Asynchronous/ Brain Break/ Snack Break
10:30-11:00	Whole Group Check In #2
11:00-11:30	Asynchronous
11:30-12:30	Lunch/ Recess
12:30-1:00	Whole Group Check In #3
1:00-1:30	Asynchronous
1:30-2:00	Specials Break (No Specials)
2:00-2:30	Whole Group Check In #4

Day 2: September 9	
9:00-9:30	Whole Group Check In #1
9:30 - 10:00	Asynchronous Time
10:00-10:30	Brain break/ snack break
10:30-11:00	Whole Group Check In #2
11:00-11:30	Asynchronous Time
11:30-12:30	Lunch/ Recess
12:30-1:00	Whole Group Check In #3
1:00-1:30	Asynchronous Time
1:30-2:00	Specials Break (No Specials)
2:00-2:30	Whole Group Check In #4

Day 3: September 10

9:00-9:30	Whole Group Check In #1
9:30-10:00	Asynchronous (snack/break)
10:00-10:30	Brain Break & Snack Break
10:30-11:00	Whole Group Check In #2
11:00-11:30	Asynchronous
11:30-12:00	Lunch/ Recess
12:30-1:00	Whole Group Check In #3
1:00-1:30	Asynchronous
1:30-2:00	Specials (no specials)
2:00-2:30	Whole Group Check In #4

Day 4: September 11

9:00-9:30	Whole Group Check In #1
9:30-10:00	Asynchronous
10:00-10:30	Brain Break & Snack Break
10:30-11:15	Whole Group Check In #2
11:15-11:30	Asynchronous
11:30-12:00	Lunch/ Recess
12:30-1:00	Whole Group Check In #3
1:00-1:30	Asynchronous
1:30-2:00	Specials (No Specials)
2:00-2:30	Whole Group Check In #4