

# Welcome to Mrs. Gelb's 3rd Grade Class!

Dear Third Grader,

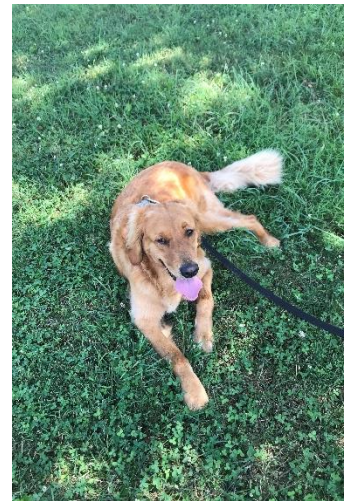
I am SO excited that you are going to be in my class this year! I know that we will have a fantastic year together!! Although this year is starting out differently, we will still have so much fun learning and growing together!

We will learn so many exciting things this year! We will learn about life cycles, the solar system, and motion in science. 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 money! We will build on our math skills and learn to multiply and divide with our Math in Focus program! We will continue to grow as readers and writers. We will learn the difference between "fake reading" and "real reading" by using reading comprehension strategies. You will get to learn cursive as well! We are going to have so much fun learning this year!

We will have a chance to learn a lot about each other this year, too! Here is a little bit of information about me. I absolutely LOVE teaching!! I graduated from Penn State University to become a teacher. I love to learn too so I continued my education at Wilkes University! I have been learning a lot about STEM and using technology in the classroom. I am excited to put my learning into practice this year in our Online Academy!

When I'm not teaching, I love spending time with family and friends, going to the beach, cooking, reading new books, and going outdoors! I love to travel to new places as well. Some of my favorite places that I have visited so far are Spain, Africa, Italy, Greece, and Croatia!

Mr. Gelb and I also have a dog named Frankie, who we love to spend time with! He is a silly, sweet, 2-year-old golden retriever and he makes us laugh all the time!



I can't wait to learn all about you this year! I hope you are as excited as I am! I will see you on our Teams call on Tuesday!

**THIRD**  
*grade*  
**ROCKS**

♥ Mrs. Gelb



Dear Third Grade Families,

Welcome to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! My name is Kristine Gelb and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher for the 2020 - 2021 school year! Here is a little bit of information about me. I studied Early Childhood Education at Penn State University and I am finishing up my master's degree in Instructional Media/STEM from Wilkes University this November. I absolutely **LOVE** teaching and I am looking forward to an exciting, productive year of learning and growing with your third grader! This is my sixth year teaching in Central Bucks School District. I have taught Kindergarten, first grade, and third grade at Barclay Elementary, Warwick Elementary, and Butler Elementary. Third grade is an incredibly exciting, fun, and pivotal year for your child, and I am glad to be such a big part of it! I know your child is the most important thing in your life and I want you to know that I will do my best to make this school year a positive and fulfilling experience! I look forward to working with you this year and watching your child grow!

### Important Information

1. Our first day of school is **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** and we will meet on **Teams at 9:05 A.M.**
2. You should have already picked up your child's laptop which we will use for daily instruction. In order to login, use the resources outlined in this [SWAY](#). **Please have your child practice logging on and off prior to the first day of school.** Your child needs to know his/her username and password before logging in, so it will be greatly beneficial to practice this before our first day.
3. Our schedule for the first week of school will be different than our permanent schedule. 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.

4. During our first week, our focus will be on getting to know each other, teambuilding, and navigating Teams and Canvas. Building a strong sense of community will be my main goal! 😊 It is essential for our class to create meaningful connections, build confidence, and develop a supportive class community in our Online Academy.
5. 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 your child 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 will need their supplies ready to go during our lessons and activities so it will be important to have them easily accessible.
6. Our **Back to School Night** is on **Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**. I look forward to meeting you and sharing a bit more about myself with you!

My door is always open! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. You can email me at [krgelb@cbsd.org](mailto:krgelb@cbsd.org). Feel free to check out our class website ([www.cbsd.org/krgelb](http://www.cbsd.org/krgelb)) for class information as well.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kristine Gelb