

Summer 2021

Dear Third Graders,

“Anything is possible. Anything can be.”

—Shel Silverstein, author



I am very excited to be exploring possibilities together this school year! You are beginning a brand-new year, with a fresh slate, where we will have the opportunity to learn by inquiring, exploring, analyzing, setting goals, and meeting our challenges together.

Our first week is going to focus on community building activities where we begin to learn about one another's unique backgrounds and talents. These activities will also help us find a “common ground”! In addition, we will establish work habits and routines that are important for third grade: developing grit, learning from one another, providing meaningful feedback to peers, and using feedback to improve our learning and understanding.

In addition to our community building activities, we will be going through other important routines on the first day. We will have snack time every day to keep our energy levels up. Please bring a nut-free snack. Also, since it will probably still be warm outside during the first weeks of school, you may bring a water bottle. Please make sure that your water bottle is clearly marked with your name. Last but certainly not least, please be sure to bring a “just right” book to read!

Parents and guardians, please note the following:

- Each homeroom will have a homeroom parent coordinator. Please contact the office over the summer if you would like to volunteer.
- All School Open House and Back-to-School Night will be held in Room 8. Details about dates and times will be forthcoming.
- Due to the district's commitment to healthy eating and wellness, Linden will not be allowing treats for birthdays. Students are encouraged to bring in items to share with classmates (such as pencils) or donate a book to the school library.

Finally, soon- to-be third graders, please bring in a 4 X 6 photo of yourself showing a summer moment that you would like to share with the class. I am very excited to be on this journey with you!

Let's have a fantastic year!

Mrs. Cellucci

For the first day of school please be prepared to share:

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Brown Bag Autobiography

Inside this brown bag, please put in 5 items from home that are special to you. You will be sharing these items with the class, so please be prepared to talk a little about each item and why it's special to you.

Here are some ideas:

- Something or someone you love (family or pet photo)
- Something you like to do (favorite hobby)
- Your favorite food
- What you want to be when you grow up
- A favorite family vacation
- Something you're good at (a special talent you have)



You can use real objects, photos, magazine cut-outs, etc. Be creative!
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