

August 2019

Dear Parents and Families of 3A,

Happy New School Year! For those who are new to our school community, I would like to extend a special welcome. After more than a decade of teaching 2nd grade, I'm looking forward to this exciting opportunity to teach your wonderful children in 3rd grade!

Outdoor experiences were the "summit" of my summer. I enjoyed adventures in the woods at a small lakeside cabin with my 6-year-old daughter Maggie, my 4-year-old son Matteo, my husband Rodney, and our German Shepard-Husky dog named Cocoa. In mid-August, I celebrated my mom's birthday by hiking Mt. Whitney with her and my sister, Bailey. We made many memories and have many stories to share about our week together in the mountains.

The end of August brings excitement and anticipation of a new year in 3rd grade! I look forward to meeting you and your children soon and hearing *their* stories from the summer and more.

In preparation for the new school year, please complete the following checklist:

- Have your child think about an exciting summer experience or a fond memory that they would like to share with the class. We will share these during the first few days of school.
- Send a photo of your child. We'll use these to decorate the cubbies.
- Send me an email at atienzj@lmsd.org to be sure you are on the class email list. Please type "**3A contacts**" followed by **your name** and **your child's name** in the subject line.
- Complete the enclosed form and send it to school with your child (this will provide me with a wealth of helpful information about your child, and I thank you in advance for sharing with me!)

Thank you for your support! Together we will make this a thrilling year in 3rd grade!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennie Atienza
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Recommended Supply List for 3A

- 1 child-sized shoebox with the following supplies:
 - Lots of #2 pencils for the class (sharpened)
 - 1 box of crayons (24 crayons or less)
 - colored pencils
 - washable markers
 - 1 pack of glue sticks
 - 1 pack of dry erase markers
 - 1 dry eraser (or old sock or rag)
 - 1 pack of self-stick notes
 - transparent tape
- 6 sturdy two-pocket folders: red, yellow, blue, green, purple, and a folder of your choice
- 1 clipboard (labeled)
- Two 1-inch binders with clear plastic insert on the front cover
- 1 composition book
- A box of tissues for the class
- 1 deck of cards (to be kept at home for math games)
- Headphones (labeled) inside a zip bag
- 1 healthy snack each day! 😊

Families as Partners

Introducing... YOUR Child

I'd like to know more about your child, through your eyes. The more I know, the better I can design an educational and motivational program to fit his or her particular needs.

Please answer the questions and complete the information below. Remember, this is from *your* point of view. Please send it in with your child as soon as it's completed. **PLEASE RETURN BY 9/6/19.**

Thank you!

Child's Name _____ Homeroom: _____

- List five (5) words that best describe your child's *character* (competitive, cheerful, perfectionist):

- What *motivates* your child?

- What *upsets* your child?

What are your child's out-of-school *interests* and *activities*?

- What activities do you *share*? What problems/successes do you have

