

**August 2019**

Dear Third Grade Families,

Welcome to the new school year! We are looking forward to meeting you and your children in a few weeks and sharing an exciting year together. Third grade is truly special because it is the culmination of your child's Primary School experience.

During the first weeks of school, we will be spending time getting to know your children as students and as people. You, of course, are the experts on these young learners! In order to help us teach your children effectively, please take a few moments to share any information about your child that would be useful for us to know, especially any hopes or goals that he or she has for the coming school year. This information will provide us with valuable insight as we form relationships with your children. Once your child receives his or her class placement letter, **please email this information to your child's teacher before the first day of school.**

All of your child's classroom supplies will be provided by and at the school. The only items that he or she will need are:

- a backpack (without wheels so it fits into his or her locker)
- a reusable, leak-free, and condensation-proof water bottle, labeled with your child's name, to bring to school every day

Thank you in advance for *not* sending your child to school with locker accessories such as magnetic mirrors or white boards, as these items often lead to distraction and lost learning time.

Birthdays are momentous events for third graders. Typically, our students celebrate in class by bringing in a food treat to share with their peers. Most students also enjoy bringing in a few extra treats to share on their "birthday walk" around school. Before sending any food into school for a birthday snack, all families must contact the school nurse Candice Carlson at [ccarlson@mka.org](mailto:ccarlson@mka.org), to have the snack approved. This is a safety measure with regard to food allergies and/or other dietary needs of the class. We hope that you enjoy the rest of summer and we look forward to fostering a genuine parent/teacher relationship that will enhance your child's third grade experience.

Sincerely,

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