



Dear 3rd Grade Families,

Welcome to 3rd Grade! My name is Crystal Benavides and I'm so excited to be your child's teacher this year. This is the start of a new school year that holds promise of new discovery. I look forward to learning more about your child as we venture out this academic year. It is my goal to see your child reach his/her fullest potential. I will be teaching Reading, Spelling, English/Grammar, and Handwriting to all 3rd Graders and Social Studies to our Traditional Homeroom Class. As we start the year we have an opportunity to learn from some amazing teachers. Our students will explore with Mrs. Rivera for Math, Mrs. Boyce for Science, and Coach Lopez for PE.

The first week of school we will be going over all the classroom expectations for Distance Learning. Also, we will start our year with reading a fun book from the Magic Treehouse series called Lions at Lunchtime by Mary Pope Osborne. We will read this book together during our scheduled class meetings and have interactive comprehension questions. I'm sending home a book report to work on once we complete the book.

To give you a little background information about myself, I have a total of 15 years of educational experience. For the past eight years, I have been teaching in the Catholic School setting both at the Elementary and Middle School Level. This is my 4th year teaching at Incarnate Word Academy. I hold a Master's Degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a Bachelor's Degree from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone. My email address is benavidesc@iwacc.org and my phone number is 361-774-9159. Again, I would like to welcome all my students and parents to our 3rd grade class. May the grace of God guide and protect our children throughout their academic journey.



*Blessings,
Mrs. Crystal Benavides*