August 2021

Dear 3W Families,

“Whale”come back! You are now o”fish”ally members of the 3W family. We are going to have a wonderful school year full of learning and new adventures.

I am so excited to get started, but first I am going to tell you a few things about me. This is my eighth-year teaching third grade at Merion and my tenth year working in the district. Outside of school, I enjoy reading, spending time with friends and family, gardening, and playing games. This summer, I was busy traveling with my family to the eastern shore of Maryland and spending a lot of time with my kids.

I have been working hard the past few weeks preparing fun and interesting activities for our third graders. This year, students will be exploring hands-on science concepts about water and life structures, perfecting computational and problem solving skills, writing engaging stories, and reading interesting books.

Parents, I cannot wait to get to know your child! In order to facilitate our communication about classroom events and create an environment that best meets your child’s needs, please send me an email (whalonl@lmsd.org) to be sure you are on the class email list. Please title this message 3W contacts followed by your child’s name and your own name. Also, please answer the following questions in the body of your message:

- What are your child’s interests?
- What are your child’s strengths?
- In what areas does your child need to improve?
- With whom does your child live? (pets included)
- What are your hopes for your child’s year in third grade?

Students, to get ready for the beginning of the school year, gather and cut out pictures/words from magazines and newspapers that describe you. You will need enough photographs to cover an 8 ½ x 11” paper. Please bring your pieces in on the first day of school in a baggie with your name written on it.

There are so many things to look forward in third grade and I am thrilled to be your teacher. I look forward to meeting you and I hope you are as ready as I am for a new school year to begin. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Your new teacher,

Mrs. Whalon
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Third Grade Supplies 2021-2022

- Lots of sharpened #2 pencils for the class
- 1 box of crayons (24 crayons or less)
- Pre-sharpened colored pencils
- washable markers (thin or thick)
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 1 dry eraser (or old sock or rag)
- 2 packs of self-stick notes
- transparent tape
- two pocket folder, pre-labeled for each subject
  - (1) Red-ELA
  - (1) Orange- Spanish
  - (1) Yellow- WIN
  - (1) Green- Science/Social Studies
  - (1) Blue- Math
  - (1) purple- unlabeled
- A box of tissues for the class
- Headphones (labeled) inside a zip bag
- 1 clipboard.
- 1 pair of child safe scissors
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 personal pencil sharpener