



Dear Third Grade Families,

Welcome to 3rd Grade at Ben Franklin Elementary School! We are looking forward to working together to make third grade a wonderful year. Third grade is a big change from second grade. Students will be building upon the strong foundation of skills they learned last year in order to gain more independence. To help you and your child to be prepared for the school year, below is a brief introduction to some of the units of study that we will learn about during the year.

- In **Math**, your third grader will be exposed to addition and subtraction facts with regrouping, multiplication and division strategies, place value using rounding and comparing and ordering numbers, area, fractions, and problem solving.
- In **Writing**, your child will learn to be part of the writing community, to write complete sentences fluently, and to draft personal narratives by using the writing process.
- In **Reading**, your child will learn to listen to stories read aloud and participate in discussions as a member of the reading community. Students will build comprehension skills as they read independently with a focus on visualizing, inferring, and using the text to support ideas.

- In **Social Studies**, students will learn about citizenship and structures of government. Your child will also learn about elements of culture, regions of the world, and map skills. Students will participate in an economics unit to learn about how a business is run.
- In **Science**, students become scientists as they learn to develop and test hypotheses about forces, motion, weather, climate and nature.

Homework reinforces skills that students learn in class. Although sometimes help may be needed, for the most part students should complete homework independently. It is recommended that students read every night for 20 minutes or more.














School supplies are an important part of ensuring that your child is prepared and organized each school day. Below is a list of some of the needed supplies that children will use throughout the year.

We are all very excited to meet your child and look forward to a successful year of working together for your child's education. Additional information regarding your child's teacher and homeroom, transportation, announcements and messages will be sent home in the near future.

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Teachers

Welcome To THIRD GRADE

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of Headphones (3.5 mm, mandatory) to be used with Chromebook, NO EAR BUDS!	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of 24 Pencils (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS and NO HAND HELD SHARPENERS)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Two Pocket Folders	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Composition Notebooks (wide ruled)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Thin Expo markers and 2 Erasers	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayons (no larger than a 24 pack)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Highlighters	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of scissors	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 Glue sticks	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Large Cloth Zipper Pouch **NO PLASTIC PENCIL BOXES**	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes of Tissues	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 containers of Disinfecting Wipes (Lysol, Clorox)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of Gallon size Ziplock bags	

☐ 1 Package of Post-It notes

