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Hi Third Grader!

I am Ms. Bompane, and I am so excited to have you in my classroom next year! This will be my third school year at the Academy of St. Joseph and my eighth year teaching. I have my undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education from UConn and completed my master's in the same field at Hunter. Some fun facts about me: I have a very curious cat named Bruce, I am the oldest of four siblings, my favorite foods are bagels and sour candy, and I am a Vikings fan as a result of growing up in Minnesota! I can't wait to get to know more about you!

My goal as your teacher is to create a classroom where you feel comfortable, happy, and ready to learn each day. I will support you as you take on all the challenges of a new year and grow as a learner and classmate.

Here are a few things that you can expect from me:

1. Encourage learning: I want you to be excited to come to school and learn each day! I will provide engaging and interesting lessons that will leave you eager to learn more.
2. Support your growth: I am here to help you with any challenges and to celebrate all your successes, big and small! We will work together to set goals and meet them throughout the year.
3. Build confidence: I expect YOU to come to school with a "can-do" attitude and always try your best. Mistakes are a part of learning! They help us to grow, we will not be afraid to make mistakes this year. I will be here to support you and believe in you along the way.
4. Create a classroom family: You all already know many of your classmates well, and this year we will continue to build on those friendships. We will be inclusive and respectful of each other. We will celebrate our differences and similarities!

I know you have all come so far as learners throughout this past year. Summer is meant to be a time for FUN, but it is important to make sure all that knowledge you gained doesn't slip away. Below you will find your summer work. When you return to school in September, I look forward to hearing all about your summer adventures!

Your teacher,

Ms. Bompane

Parents,

We are partners in your child's education. My goal is to develop an open and respectful line of communication with each of you. This will help me understand how to best support your child in the classroom. I look forward to working with you throughout the school year!

While I expect that your third graders will complete the summer work independently, I do encourage you to read the required books as well! This can provide you with the opportunity to have meaningful conversations with your child while also enhancing their understanding of the story. I look forward to working with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,
Paula Bompane

Third-Grade Summer Assignments

You will complete:

1. A required reading assignment (Choose one from the options below.)
2. A required writing assignment
3. A required math assignment
4. An optional, but strongly encouraged, typing assignment

Details start on the next page. Your assignments are due on the first day of school!

READING

Please select one assignment to complete.

Reading Option 1: Character Journal (Fiction)

You will choose a fiction title from the book list below. You will complete a journal entry from the point of view of the main character. In this journal, you are pretending to be the main character in the story. Describe a major challenge you (the main character) faced and describe how you were able to overcome this challenge.

Be creative in your writing! Take on the characteristics of your main character. Make your writing sound like the character's own voice! Remember to use key details and major events from the book when writing your journal. Be sure to write in complete sentences, including capital letters & punctuation, and always your very best handwriting!

Book	Author
<i>Junie B. Jones series</i>	Barbara Clark
<i>Magic Tree House series</i>	Mary Pope Osborne
<i>Horrible Harry series</i>	Suzy Cline
<i>Jigsaw Jones: Case of the Missing Hamster</i>	James Preiller
<i>How to Be Cool in Third Grade</i>	Betsy Duffey
<i>The Bailey School Kids series</i>	Debbie Dadey & Marsha Jones
<i>The Doll People series</i>	Ann M. Martin & Laura Godwin

Once you have finished writing your Character Journal entry, make sure to self-assess your writing. It should include each item on the checklist:

____ I wrote my journal as the main character. (Ex. "I loved traveling to the beach each summer.")

____ I described a major challenge the character faced.

____ I described how the character overcame the challenge.

____ I used two key details from the book to support my writing.

____ I checked for capitalization & punctuation, and I wrote in my best handwriting.

____ I am ready to hand in my work!

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Name _____

Date _____

Title _____

Author _____

Character Journal

Remember You are creating a journal pretending to be the main character of your book.

What challenges or problems did the character face? How did the character overcome or solve this problem?

Read the assignment description & checklist, then begin writing!

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Reading Option 2: Lap-book Report (Non-fiction)

You will choose a non-fiction title from the book list below. You will share what you have learned about the topic by creating a “lap-book” using a manila folder or a large piece of construction paper. A great example of a finished lap-book can be found [here](#).

Your lap-book must include:

- Book Title
- Book Author & Illustrator
- A description of the main idea
- Three facts you learned while reading
- Four new words you learned while reading
- A brief book review:
 - Why did you choose this book?
 - Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not?

Books:

I Survived series (Lauren Tarshis)

Who Was I / Am I series (Penguin Random House)

If You Grew Up With... series (Scholastic)

WRITING

In addition to reading a ton of new books, third graders sharpen their writing skills as we learn about a variety of writing techniques. Use the following writing prompts to share your adventures!

Writing Assignment: Create a Summer Journal

Step 1: Use a spare notebook or staple together lined paper to create a writing journal.

Step 2: Select a summer writing prompt to kick-start your writing. Write the prompt at the top of your page.

Step 3: Write at least 8 entries. Try to fill a page with every detail you can think of! Make sure to date each entry.

Writing Prompts:

- ★ One new place I visited was...
- ★ My absolute dream summer vacation would be...
- ★ My favorite summer activity...
- ★ A not-so-great day of summer was when...
- ★ The best day of summer was when...
- ★ A tradition my family has each summer is...
- ★ A new friend I met this summer is...
- ★ Today was...
- ★ My best summer memory ever was...
- ★ If I could plan a day of activities this summer, I would...
- ★ Make your own prompt

MATHEMATICS

Many of the math skills you learned in second grade will return in third grade! It is SO important to keep our addition and subtraction brains turned ON all summer long. Multiplication is a huge part of third grade as well. The best way to keep these facts sharp is to practice, practice, practice!

Frequently practicing facts will allow you to maintain or improve your fact fluency. Be sure to practice every day! Below are a few ideas about how you can stay sharp all summer long.

1. ABCYa

This site has a variety of fun & free math games to choose from. Select grade 2 to brush up on old skills or grade 3 to begin practicing skills for the upcoming year.

<https://www.abcya.com/grades/3/numbers>

2. Arcademics - Grand Prix

In this multiplayer game, race against your friends as you answer multiplication facts. The faster you answer, the faster you cross the finish line!

<https://www.arcademics.com/games/grand-prix>

3. Scholastic Flashcard Games

This PDF has loads of fun math games to play with friends, family, or on your own.

http://www.alyciazimmerman.com/uploads/3/0/7/3/3073052/flashcard_math_games.pdf

4. Splash Learn

SplashLearn is a game-based program that will reinforce foundational skills and introduce skills for your upcoming year.

<https://www.splashlearn.com/parents/register>

OPTIONAL: Learn to Type!

In third grade, you will start using a Chromebook! It's important that you spend some time typing.

- ABCya Typing Games- This website has ten typing games in a range of levels. If you are fairly new to typing, you may want to begin with the K-2 games and then work your way up.

- https://www.abcya.com/games/typing_rocket

- Typing Club- This website is used in Technology class. You can click on different lessons and activities to practice your typing skills.

- <https://www.typingclub.com/>