

Dear Third grade families,

The start of school is almost here, and I am so excited to welcome you to 3rd grade. My name is Alison Helquist—many of the 3rd graders know me as Ms. Alison; I will happily answer to Ms. Alison, Mrs. Helquist, or Ms. H. This year we will be working on all sorts of exciting math skills—multiplication, division, and fractions. We will strengthen our literacy and reading comprehension skills and grow as writers. I have a very solid play-based learning background, so I hope to make third grade a fun, exciting, and joyful learning experience for our class while also working hard to meet the curriculum standards and make sure my students are well prepared for 4th grade. I have three kids of my own, and we are a true Folsom Hills family–all their elementary school years were spent here. I love to read, garden, listen to music, do art, bake, and visit National Parks.

Back to school night will be Thursday, August 6th.. We will discuss classroom procedures and expectations, curriculum, school supplies, and signing up for/learning about volunteer opportunities.

Supply List

Individual supplies

- Backpack and labeled water bottle
- 2 wide ruled Composition notebooks with at least 100 pages
- Headphones or earbuds in a ziplock bag clearly labeled with your child's name.

I will be doing a lot of shared supplies this year, so instead of giving you a list of 20 items to purchase individually, I will instead be asking for donations of a whole lot of one thing. You can order something now from my amazon wishlist (you can actually purchase from anyplace, just make sure you mark it off on the wishlist so it isn't purchased twice) or wait and sign up at back to school night.

I am looking forward to meeting you all soon! Feel free to reach out via e-mail with questions.

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