



August 2016

Dear Third Grader and Family,

Welcome to third grade!!! I hope you all had a relaxing and fun summer! I am delighted to welcome your child to third grade.

This year marks my thirtieth year as an elementary school teacher. I began my career in 1987 teaching full day kindergarten for eight years in a public school in Brooklyn, New York. I then moved to Scotch Plains and taught first grade at McGinn for 6 years before moving to second grade for 12 years. I then came to third grade two years ago. I am delighted to be starting my twenty-second year teaching at McGinn School and pleased to be teaching third grade again.

This will be a very exciting school year! We will experience many new things this year. In science we will learn about inventors and new inventions, experiment how electricity and magnets work and become scientists as we study the movement of water on earth's materials. Another fun activity we will do this year is the Westward Ho where we will travel on the Oregon Trail just like real pioneers!! We will also work more often on the laptops in all subject areas. Get ready to read many books and study some new authors. In writing, we will write personal narratives, informational research reports, creative stories and

persuasive letters. Guess what? We will now learn how to write in cursive too!!!

Third graders will be having a midmorning snack everyday. Please remember bring a nutritious snack and drink everyday. While back to school shopping, please pick up the items indicated on the third grade supply list. It can be found on the McGinn website.

It is imperative that I have in writing who will be meeting your child at dismissal and be notified of any changes if necessary! Please send a note if your child has permission to walk by themselves to the front or back of McGinn.

I look forward to a successful and fun school year! Feel free to email me anytime with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
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