

Dear New Third Grader and Parents/Guardians,

Can you believe that you are a third-grader already? I am confident that this is going to be an enjoyable year full of learning and fun. I can't wait to meet you!

My name is Kelly Schmidt and I will be your teacher this year. I have had a busy summer taking care of my two children, Finn, who is almost 5 years old, and Hadley, who just celebrated her 3rd birthday. I hope that you had a wonderful summer as well. I am looking forward to hearing about all of your adventures.

We have so many new and interesting things to explore together this year. We are going to investigate the structures of life in addition to motion and matter. We are also going to read a lot of entertaining books together and study some of my favorite authors, like Patricia Polacco and Andrew Clements. In writing, we will create small moment personal narratives, informational reports, and fairy tales. Finally, by the end of the year, you will be able to solve  $345 \times 16$ !

I believe that communication is the key to a great school-to-home relationship and student success. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. I am very pleased and grateful to be sharing the third-grade experience with you and your child and I am looking forward to working together this year!

Sincerely,

Kelly Schmidt