



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2019

Welcome to Third Grade! I am looking forward to having your child in my class this year and partnering with you to make it a great year. I know this will be a year of learning, growth, friendship building, and discovery and I can't wait to get started!

I am looking forward to meeting you and your child at our Meet and Greet on **Tuesday, August 27th**. Please park (there will be additional parking in the St. Nicholas Episcopal Church lot) and bring your child to the classroom at 9:00 am. We will have a variety of parent and child activities through the morning and then will have a bring-your-own bag lunch picnic together in the backyard. We will end right at noon. During this morning together, you will receive information about carpool, volunteer opportunities, Parent Association activities and other information important to your child's year here. Please note that the school calendar is available on the website.

The first full day of school will be **Wednesday, August 28th**. Beginning on that day your child will need a snack (such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, granola bar, or cheese stick) and a lunch. We drink water for snack which is available from our in-class water fountain but we highly recommend that students bring a reusable water bottle. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch.

The 3rd Grade supply list is available on the website under the Elementary tab: Back to School 19-20. Please bring these supplies to the Meet and Greet on **August 27th** in a bag with your child's name on it. In addition, your child will need the following labeled with his or her name:

Backpack
(non-rolling preferred)

Lunch box

Art smock

Reusable water bottle
(recommended)

I am asking students to choose one of the following books to read this summer: *Encounter* by Jane Yolen; *Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims* by Clyde Robert Bulla; or *Around the World* by Matt Phelan. We will be doing activities regarding the readings early in the school year. Please encourage your student to read all summer long! For ideas, check out Scholastic's [Read-A-Palooza](#) or the Montgomery County Public Library recommendations at <http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/readinglistsbygrade>.

There will be a Summer Social for all elementary students and their families on **Thursday, August 15th** from 4:30-5:30 pm. I will not be there, but this is a great time to meet new friends and catch up with old ones! I am looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Sincerely,

Nicole Foronda