



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2020

Welcome to Grade 3 at Seneca Academy! I am excited to begin another year at Seneca Academy and look forward to having your child in my class. I know this will be a year of learning, growth, friendship-building, and discovery. I cannot wait to get started!

I look forward to meeting you at the Parent Before-School Conference on Monday, August 31. Please sign up at <https://www.senecaacademy.org/3signup>. During this time together, we will begin the process of cultivating a parent-teacher partnership. I will share information regarding your child's first day, carpool drop-off, and the upcoming school year that are important to know before our Back-to-School Night in September. In addition, this will be an important opportunity for you to ask questions and share information about your child with me (interests, goals, concerns, insights, etc.). Although I prefer to meet with you in person, remote conferencing will be available for anyone who cannot meet on campus. Please note that the school calendar is available on the website.

Your child's first day of school is on **Tuesday, September 1**, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., with carpool drop-off starting at 8:15 a.m. During this meet-and-greet opportunity for students, I will have a variety of activities throughout the morning to acclimate your child to a new classroom community. Prior to our noon dismissal, the children and I will have a bring-your-own-bag lunch picnic together in the backyard.

The first full day of school will be **Wednesday, September 2**, with carpool starting at 8:15 a.m. Please begin sending in a snack that is quick to eat (such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, granola bars, or cheese stick) and a lunch. We ask that students bring TWO filled, reusable water bottles each day in order to decrease the need for refills. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch.

The third grade supply list is available at <https://www.senecaacademy.org/back-to-school>. Please bring these supplies to the Before-School Conference on August 31 in a bag with your child's name on it. In addition, students will need the following **labeled** with their name:

- Reusable masks/face coverings, at least two recommended
- Backpack or tote bag (non-rolling, washable) - large enough for lunch box and a folder
- Lunch box or bento box (one that can open flat and/or be directly eaten out of by students is easiest to use)
- Art smock - an old adult shirt with the sleeves cut works well
- Reusable water bottles, two recommended (filled daily)

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](#).

There will be a Summer Social for third grade students and their families on **Friday, August 21**, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. SAPA will be sending out more information about this later in the summer. I will not be there, but this is a great time to meet new friends and catch up with old ones!

Sincerely,

Nicole Foronda