

Ridge Road Elementary School
Welcome to Third Grade!

June 22, 2023



Dear Parents,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to third grade. We look forward to working together with you so that your child has a successful year.

Third grade is a year of transition between the primary and intermediate grades. Together, we will try to make the transition as smooth as possible. Your third grader can expect an increase in independent work and responsibility. Your child will have homework each evening that reviews skills taught during our day. Treating homework as a positive experience and establishing a routine helps students adapt to the new responsibility with greater ease.

There is **much** to look forward to in third grade. Your child can expect to learn about the history of Horseheads, communities & cultures around the World, multiplication, division, fractions, and properties of magnets to name just a few. We are excited that our 2023-24 school year will include our many hands-on projects such as our Wax Museum, Mexican Fiesta, Japanese cultural exchange, several STEM exploration projects and the Australian animal research project. We will put a big emphasis on our phonics skills and learn to look at the many layers of our language. Students will make use of the mobile laptops and iPads in the classroom for research and word processing throughout the year.

Please encourage your child to keep reading and practicing their math facts over the summer to be ready for learning in the fall!

**Have a safe and happy summer,
Third Grade Teachers ☺**



The following supplies will help your child to get the **first** day of school off to a good start:

- 1 marble composition notebook (**hard covered, no spirals**)
- 4 boxes of 12 pencils (Ticonderoga are preferred.)
- 1 package of cap erasers
- 2 large glue sticks
- **16 fine tip** dry erase markers
- 1 package of sharpened colored pencils (Crayola Twistables preferred)
- 2 Highlighters (two different colors)
- Pointed-tip scissors (at least 7 inch student scissors)
- 1 cloth or canvas pencil pouch (not a pencil box) that can hold scissors, at least one box of colored pencil, and one glue stick
- 1 large box of tissues
- Ziploc gallon or quart size bags
- Headphones in a Ziploc baggie labeled with your name