



# Welcome to Mrs. Wauldron's Third Grade!

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Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! I am very excited to begin a new year and to meet all of you! My name is Laura Wauldron and this is my 26<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. I have 4 children that range in ages from 24 years to 9 years old. My husband is also a teacher, he teaches computers at Bullock Creek Middle School. I can't wait to work with your child! I have a wonderful group of third graders this year and we will have a lot of fun while we learn many new things. This year in third grade we will continue cursive handwriting, multiplication tables and keyboarding. Spelling, reading, language, math, science, social studies, Accelerated Reader and IXL will still be hot topics as well. We will continue the math program this year called Engage NY. The students may have a small amount of math or reading homework if they do not complete their assignment in class. Please look for it in the back pocket of their planner each afternoon. I have many fun lessons planned and I know the class will really enjoy them.



## Class Schedule

The school day is constructed very similar to last year. The kids will have a 45 minute lunch period and then an extra recess at end of the day. We will take a short break in the morning to use the restroom and I will allow the kids to eat a healthy snack that they may bring from home. I keep some snacks on hand for students that forget their snack. We will do reading in the morning and math in the afternoon. Science and social studies will be included in the day as well. Our class will be going to specials from 1:00-1:30 every day of the week. The special classes will be rotating between Spanish, music and physical education. Library will be every week on Friday morning.

## Supplies

I will supply your child with everything he/she needs to complete assignments. However, if they have supplies they wish to bring that is fine with me. Please do not send large pencil boxes, large binders or any non-essential supplies to school. Your child has many textbooks, workbooks and folders in their desk and there just isn't room for any extras.

**A pair of clean tennis shoes** is needed to keep our gym floor in good condition. This doesn't have to be a new pair of shoes, but they need to be washed and used only for gym class.

**Backpacks** are also needed to carry home their planners each day, AR books, library books and Friday folders.

**A set of headphones** to use with our I-pads and computers are very helpful so your child will not have to share. I prefer that they use the larger headphones that fit over their ears instead of the plugs. The dollar stores usually sell them and they hold up pretty well. You may send them in a large zip-lock baggie with their name on them or I can do so when they bring them in.

**A box of tissues** from each family would be greatly appreciated. We also use a lot of **hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and sandwich baggies**. If a few parents could include some of these supplies as well that would be wonderful! I do try to keep an extra supply of snacks here for kids that forget theirs. I usually buy a bag of pretzels, goldfish, or crackers. If you run across a sale or would like to contribute to that supply it would help my pocketbook tremendously. The kids do get hungry half-way through the morning and a quick snack helps them focus. Students may also bring a bottle of water to school each day, it needs to be in a bottle with a closable lid and it needs to be taken home.

## Planners and Friday Folders

Our student planners are really cool this year. We will be using them on a daily basis. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade planners will contain spelling words for the week, homework (work that is not completed in class) and any comments or reminders that the students and I may need to share with you. The planners will also be stamped daily to make you aware of any classroom issues. (A copy of my discipline system and rules are attached.) **Please initial the planners each night** after looking it over with your child. If your child has homework, a "homework" stamp will be stamped on the current school day and the assignment will be placed in the plastic folder in the back of the planner. If the child needs any textbooks to do the assignment, I will have it placed in their backpacks. I will be sending home folders each Friday with the work from the week. Please sign these also and return them on Monday so that I know you have looked at it with your child. Please check the folder for any special letters or notes from the office or myself. If your Friday folder gets lost then please write me a note so I can issue a new one.

## Welcome

Well it's time to get started! Don't forget your book bags and enthusiasm! If you have any questions please feel free to call me at the school (644-3430), my home (779-2262) or send a note. Here's to a wonderful school year!

