

Dear Families,

Welcome to Third Grade! I am very excited to meet all of you! Although we do not know yet what “fall” will look like, I do know that we will learn a lot together, whatever format that will be. Please take the time to enjoy and rest up this summer. Below are some ideas that will continue student learning and school excitement. As of now, I plan to see students in the fall and can't wait to meet everyone face-to-face.



### Xtramath

Xtramath.org is a math fluency site. The goal is for students to have completed the addition and subtraction portions of this site *before* beginning third grade. **In order to pass addition and subtraction you have to complete all facts in 3 seconds.** Fluency is vital to their progress. If your child has already mastered them on this site please begin multiplication. By the end of third grade they need to master multiplication and division!

### IXL

I am told you should still have access to this account throughout the summer. I suggest going through any lessons not completed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade school year. Ideally, you should have completed **ALL** second grade skills before coming back to school. I will check in periodically on IXL to see how the students are progressing. Students can add their IXL to their “Summer Technology Sheets” to show their work and bring the form back in the fall.

### I-Ready

Students should also have access to their I-Ready accounts over the summer. They may use this for both reading and math skill practice and add it to their technology logs.

### Additional Technology

Many companies have provided “free” access for students and some will continue over the summer. Please feel free to use any technology websites that you have enjoyed, that your 2nd grade teacher may have provided, to continue your summer learning. Add them to your technology sheet to show your progress. If you need additional space on your tech sheet, please make a second copy or use a sheet of notebook paper.

### Summer Reading

In third grade we want to foster a love for reading. There are 1,440 minutes in each day. I would like to see our Superstars reading 30+ of those minutes. The goal is to read 2,300 minutes this summer.

I will be introducing the students to a variety of genres throughout the year and differentiating between them. Please consider broadening your interests and knowledge by checking out different types of books (science fiction, fairy tales, legends, historical fiction, informational, biographies, etc.). Consider spending 30 minutes a week reading along with your child. Although they like to read independently, children can learn powerful lessons from hearing you read with expression, using pauses appropriately, and thinking aloud. Plus, cuddling up with your kiddo is time well spent! I have provided a reading log to document and motivate summer reading. I would like the students to fill this out as they read this summer **and bring it with them on the first day of school.**

### **More Information**

- Forms and a welcome packet will be sent home at the beginning of the school year. A few weeks later, I will meet you at Open House. Open House is a great time to gain insight into the year ahead and ask questions. I will also update you on website requirements and how you can monitor your child's progress on the sites from home.
- Please make sure you are signed up in ASPEN to track your students' grades. It has a great alert system to keep you in the loop!
- Supply list is on google classroom
- Summer Technology list is on google classroom

Should you have any questions/concerns, please let me know. Again, hoping to be back in the fall, but if need be, I will be ready to provide your child with the best education possible either way.

I look forward to a great third grade year with all of you! Have a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Best regards,

Ms. Sanders

Mrs. Shaf

Mrs. Daigle





