

Dear Third Grader and Family,

I am SO excited for the first day of school! I have been a third grade teacher since 2013 and I absolutely LOVE being at Bragg School! Before moving to Bragg, I taught at Dickerson School for 13 years as a kindergarten teacher, first-grade teacher, second-grade teacher, Readers are Leaders teacher (a specials class for all second graders), a math-pull out teacher, and a Reading Specialist (for which I have my master's degree). Before Dickerson, I worked in a special needs preschool class in Gillette, a kindergarten class in Chatham, and a first-grade class in Verona as well! Whew! So as you can see, I really know what third graders have learned along the way, and I look forward to seeing you grow and learn this year!!

The theme of our classroom is a BEEHIVE. The definition of a beehive is "a place of great activity." This will certainly be the case! Although many things about third grade will be similar to second grade, a lot will be different as well!



★ Just like second grade, we will be having an afternoon snack. Please bring a small, **PEANUT-FREE snack** (no candy) in a bag labeled with your name. If you would like to leave a **water bottle** on your desk throughout the day, please do so.



★ If you are buying lunch, please bring in your **lunch money** (or check) in a sealed, labeled envelope (your name, the words "lunch money," & "3-M" for third grade-Mrs. Militante).



★ Be sure to look by my website or the Chester website for the **third grade supply list**. Please bring your supplies with you to Open House (in the summer) or on the first day of school.



★ **PLEASE BRING IN HEADPHONES/EARBUDS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!** Have you heard the BUZZ?!?!? We will have ChromeBooks for EACH student in third grade! The CBs are great because you, your parents, and I will be using email (keep in mind, however, that you will only be able to email students and faculty within the school district who have a chester-nj.org email address), Google Classroom, google docs, google slides, google drawing, and more EVERY day!



★ **On the first day of school (or second if you forget!!) please bring in one show-and-tell item (it must fit into your backpack) to share with the class about your summer vacation.** You could bring in a shell from the beach, a picture of your vacation, a ticket stub from a concert, a stuffed animal you won at a fair, a scrapbook you made, etc.



★ Parents, please send in a **dismissal note** on the first day of school regarding how your child will get home each day (Monday - Friday): bus, pick-up, Kid's Club, etc.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will BEE seeing you soon!

Sincerely, the Queen Bee

Mrs. Militante

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