

# Welcome to Third Grade



Welcome to Third Grade! I am very excited to start the school year with an excellent class. I absolutely LOVE what I do and I hope that I can instill a passion and love for learning within your child. Third grade is a year of tremendous change, growth and transition and will be a very rewarding year for your child. I hope to work very closely with you, your family and your child to make this year the best that it can possibly be for your child.

Please look at the following pages for important information regarding the school year, curriculum information, classroom policies and procedures, etc. I ask that you please look through this information carefully **initial/return** the sheets showing that you and your child understand, and keep this portion for your information. If you have any questions/concerns please feel free to contact me → [jrobinson@gstboces.org](mailto:jrobinson@gstboces.org) or (607)565-8186 ext. 1431.

## **Class Policies & Procedures:**

Birthday parties- Birthday celebrations are welcome; I ask that you please try to notify me in advance so that I can select the best time for the celebration in our classroom in order to make it special for your child. All treats **must be store bought**, and **cannot be homemade** due to district policy. If your child has a summer birthday, they may celebrate on a day of their choice.

Snack- Each day we will have a designated snack time. Please send your child with a HEALTHY snack. Healthy snacks include but are not limited to granola bars, trail mix, fruit, veggies, crackers etc.

Water bottles- I will allow students to bring a water bottle and keep it on their desks; I suggest getting a reusable water bottle that way your child can refill it throughout the day, but they can do the same with a disposable water bottle. If the water bottle becomes a distraction; students will lose the privilege. Please send your child to school with the water bottle filled each day (in order to eliminate distractions), also your child will be asked to take it home to clean it each night.

Homework/Agendas- The school district will provide assignment agendas and a green folder for each child. Every night (whether there is homework or not) the agenda needs to be signed by a parent/guardian or whomever is supervising the child while they complete their homework. Please encourage your child to complete all assignments; typically we will have homework on a daily basis depending on the material we cover in class. In each child's green folder will be a pocket for "keep home" and another for "homework/return to school". Homework that is late will be penalized with a deduction of 10 points/day. If homework is not turned in a student will lose extra privileges until the assignment is complete.

Grading- All late assignments will receive a deduction of 10 points per day. After the second day the assignment is late, the student will receive a 0 for the assignment.

Students MUST put names on papers. They are consistently reminded daily to do so. Students that do not put names on assignments will receive a deduction of 5 points on that assignment.

Grades can be checked using Parent Portal, as always if you have any concerns, please contact me ASAP!

Classroom Website- Our classroom website is located off of the Elm Street webpage. I post announcements, updates, copies of forms that I have sent home (in case it gets lost, you can just print it!) and there is a link for you to contact me. My goal for the school year is for it to be an important link of communication between parents and myself, as well as a place that we will be able to display some of the great work your child does. Although I will post some homework information, not all will be put up—**nothing is a substitute for your child's homework agenda.**

Specials- Each month I will send home a calendar with a special schedule for that month on it. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade supply list asks that you have your child bring in an old shirt (or something that doesn't matter in case of getting anything on it) for an art smock, students can keep these in school. Also, on days that we have Physical Education students will need sneakers (if not worn, to change into).

Attendance/Absences/Leaving Early- Regular attendance at school is very important in order for your child's progression through third grade. Please make it a priority to have your child to school daily. If your child is absent; please send in an excuse. If your child will be leaving early or comes in late please send in a note as well. All missed work will be gathered, but your child will be responsible for making up the work. If a child is absent and does not bring an excuse, it is constituted as an "unexcused" absence.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me! I hope you enjoy your child's year and I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robinson

# Transportation Form

On the form below, please let me know how your child will **normally** be getting home. If there is a change in transportation you are required to send a note, email or call the school. If a child does not have a note, they will be sent the way that they typically are dismissed.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Transfer Bus Student
- ☐ Looper
- ☐ SACC
- ☐ Lincoln Street Bus Student
- ☐ TOTS/Little Lambs/Discover the World



Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature

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Date