



Dear Student and Parents,

I would like to welcome you to an exciting year in the third grade! My name is Miss Rossiter and I will be your teacher. I have an exciting year planned!

In May of 2007 I graduated from Saint Louis University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Middle School Education with a concentration in Language Arts. Last December I received a Masters of Reading Degree from Concordia University. This will be my fifth year here at Notre Dame which I am happily looking forward to.

Third grade brings many challenges and rewarding experiences. Students will have homework, including studying for tests or quizzes, Monday-Thursday. I do not give homework on weekends, however, your child is always encouraged to begin studying for upcoming tests or work on projects. The amount of time your child spends on homework each night depends on several factors: Did your child understand the concept introduced in class? Was your child paying attention to the directions? Was the assignment copied accurately? *Did your child utilize the free time I give children daily to start on homework productively?*

Communication is essential in making this parent-teacher partnership a success. You know your child best and if there are things you feel sharing with me would benefit their academic success please inform me. To contact me please send a note to school with your child or call the school and leave a message for me. I will promptly reply to notes and return phone calls. I am unreachable by email and will only respond to notes or phone calls. If your child is having trouble in a particular subject area encourage them to ask me to go over it again or send a note informing me of the uncertainty your child came across. I am more than willing to give individualized assistance when needed.

On the first day of school your child will need to bring \$3.00 to purchase an assignment notebook which will be sent home daily. Each day

students will copy down all homework assignments and important reminders. Please sign your child's assignment notebook every night.

In third grade students are responsible for reading twenty minutes a day. A reading log will be sent home at the beginning of each month and will be collected at the end of each month.

Friday folders, a blue 2-pocket folder with your child's name on the front, will be sent home on Fridays. This will contain graded work, a behavior summary for the week, and a newsletter with updates on what is going on in the classroom and important future due dates. I would greatly appreciate your signature on the attached form and any comments you may have for me.

Our specials schedule for this year is the following:

Monday - Music/Computers

Tuesday - Spanish

Wednesday - Library & P.E.

Thursday - Art/Computers

Friday - P.E.

Please mark your calendar for "Back To School Night," September 7th from 6:30-7:00 P.M. I have a great deal of important information to share with you which will hopefully answer several questions you may have. I look forward to seeing all of you!

Thank You,

Miss Rossiter