

Dear Parents,



We are about to embark on a journey together that will have a great influence on the course of your child's future academic success. As your child's third grade teacher, I am excited to think of the possibilities and opportunities that your child will encounter along the way. The responsibility to lay the proper academic foundation is a great one. I am so pleased to be a partner with you in the quest to meet this challenge.

This year, school begins at 8:30 and will end at 2:45. Students will go to recess at 10:10, and they will have lunch at 12:20. Please note that lunch is later this year. You may want to make sure that students bring a snack to eat, as they will be hungry if they do not. By third grade, students learn that no snack=more play time. Please speak to them about the importance of eating a snack. Thank you for your support.

Just a reminder that the first three days, parents will be allowed on campus to assist students with finding their classroom and their class morning line-ups. On Monday, August 19th our main campus will be closed in the morning before school, but we will have a designated parent area in the food court area, also listed on the map. Students will no longer bring backpacks to the classroom. They should put their backpacks at their line-up area.

Lunches: If your child has not brought lunch or they have forgotten lunch, they must check in the office to see if you have brought one in for them. I will check to make sure that all students have lunches for the first couple of days, but please remind them that they should let me know if they have forgotten theirs. This will allow me to make sure that they are eating throughout the day. **Please consider sending in a water bottle with your child, as it will be extremely hot and it is important for students to keep hydrated.** This will also help to decrease class interruptions.

Please make sure that you have discussed your pick-up routine with your child, so that they are aware of how they are getting home, and/or where they are meeting you.

I understand how important you are to the educational process. You provide a valuable lens that will enable me to gain a clearer view of your child. Please contact me whenever you have questions or concerns, and I will be happy to set up an appointment to meet with you. The best way to notify me is through email, as I check it every morning, after school, and during breaks. My email address is jhewitson@murrieta.k12.ca.us. Emailing for an appointment is the best way to speak to me in person, as I will need to run out after school to pick up my middle schooler.

Please take a moment to review our classroom rules and rewards/consequences and fill out the information sheet on your child.

First Homework: Make sure all forms are filled out in Aries, fill out Information Sheet, and Third Day of Third Grade brown bag activity. Please have students put 3 items in their bag that represent them (Example: sports items, medals, awards, etc.). They will share their items on Friday.

Means of communication: My web page has generic information that you can access throughout the year. I will be sending home a weekly email through Parent Square with a Homework Grid attached. This will also contain weekly homework as well as reminders, so please make sure to open and read.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hewitson