

August, 2017

Dear New 3M Superstar,

I'm very happy to be writing this letter because it means you are in my class! We have an exciting adventure ahead of us! A few topics you will learn about this year are metric and customary measurements, water, geography, the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, the adaptations of living things, and the importance of having a positive attitude. Math will be simultaneously challenging and fun. By the end of third grade you'll be adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. You will learn about fractions, money, time, geometry, algebra, and probability; as well as delve into in-depth investigations of mathematic concepts. You'll journey through many genres of literature, and learn to be a fluent, independent text detective; as well as a focused reader and writer.

My job is to try to make your learning challenging, interesting, and fun. Your job is to be responsible, cooperative, engaged and enthusiastic! With a combination like that, we can only succeed! I am looking forward to learning, growing, and exploring with you. A third grade "Supply Wish List" is coming along with this letter. Please try to collect the supplies and bring them with you on the first day of school. In addition, while in class you may enjoy a daily healthful snack. Please do not bring cookies, candy, cake, or soda for a snack. Snacks like pretzels, crackers, fruits, cheese, yoghurt, proteins and vegetables have proven to be much better for thinking and learning; which you'll be doing a lot of in the third grade!

****You have an important homework assignment for the first day of school. Please bring a sampling of small pictures that remind you of you. They may be photographs, pictures cut from magazines, printed from websites, or drawn. Some examples are pictures of your favorite foods, hobbies, or interests. Pictures of family members, pets, activities, or collections are other ideas. Anything at all that represents the unique person you are would be super! Please bring the small, cut pictures to school in a Ziploc type plastic bag. Do not attach them to a poster or paper. We will be cutting and using the pictures for several lessons and activities on the first days of the school year. ****

Your parents also have some assignments for the first day of school. Please ask them to fill in the parent survey that they will receive electronically, and to email me at millerde@lmsd.org so that I may create an email distribution list for our class, as well as work with them as a TEAM, together in support of your learning. With their help, we'll be off to a super start! Third grade will be a wonderfully awesome experience in which we will learn, grow, investigate, discover, and explore together.

Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation; I'll see you soon,

Mrs. Miller☺

Mrs. Miller's (3M) Wish List of Supplies

2017/2018

Every student needs: *one flash drive labeled with his/her name

*** one loose leaf three ring binder with a clear pocket front**

***lots of already sharpened pencils, along with 1 or 2 quiet pencil sharpeners**

***pre-sharpened, colored pencils and your favorite thin or non-toxic markers**

***several large glue sticks, plus a few rolls of good Scotch or Magic Tape**

***one small, child safe scissors with your name labeled on it, a few small post-its**

***1 yellow highlighter, along with black dry-erase markers (low odor please)**

***single prong earphones (to use with the computers as needed)**

***dry erase wipes (to clean student dry erase boards), one clipboard**

5 Double Pocket Folders (labeled with your name) NO CLASPS NEEDED

1 red two-pocket folder 1 green two-pocket folder

1 blue two-pocket folder 1 two-pocket folder with your choice of decoration

1 yellow two-pocket folder

Extras for the Classroom

***boxes of tissues and some Glad or Ziploc style snack bags**

and... a **BIG SMILE filled with anticipation for an exciting year!**

*****Some materials may be shared with the class. Please use a permanent marker to label your individual folders, and any other supplies you are not willing to share with your classmates. *****

Introducing... YOUR Child

I'd like to know more about your child, through your eyes. The more I know, the better I can design an educational and motivational program to fit his or her particular needs.

Please answer the questions and complete the information below. Remember, this is from *your* point of view. Please send it in with your child as soon as it's completed. **PLEASE RETURN BY 9/17/15.**

Thank you!

Child's Name _____ Homeroom: _____

- List five (5) words that best describe your child's *character* (competitive, cheerful, perfectionist):

- What *motivates* your child?

- What *upsets* your child?

- What are your child's out-of-school *interests* and *activities*?

- What activities do you *share*? What problems/successes do you have working/playing together?

- What *study skills* does your child need to develop? (neatness, timeliness, organization, etc.)

- Which academic subjects are your child's best? Weakest?

- What particular academic areas would you like to see emphasized?

- What *social skills* would you like to see developed?

- Are there any *personal* or *physical problems* I should know (or conference privately) about?

- Other comments or concerns?

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____