

Dear 3D Students and Families,

Welcome to 3D and to the 2018-19 school year! My name is Mrs. DiPasquale, and I am thrilled to be your teacher for this entire school year! I look forward to getting to know you, sharing my love of learning and helping you to learn and grow in a happy, supportive classroom where you feel safe to try new things, ask questions, share ideas, problem solve and work independently and harmoniously with your classmates and me. You will be a big part of helping to create and support our wonderful learning community.

I'm so very excited to meet and learn about you. You and your family may be wondering about me so I thought I'd share some things about me. I was born and raised in the suburbs of Reading, Pennsylvania and have an older brother and sister, three nephews, two nieces, two great-nephews and two stepdaughters. Growing up in Riverview Park was filled with ice-skating in the winter at the nearby outdoor skating rink, swim team practice, swim meets, Camp Fire Girl activities, high school musicals, chorus, band (trumpet-player), family vacations with our travel trailer and life guarding and teaching swim lessons at the local summer pool.

My hobbies include reading (non-fiction tends to be my favorite genre, but I enjoy other genres as well such as historical fiction, poetry and more), writing in my Writer's Notebook, learning new things (I LOVE to learn), walking/hiking, traveling, practicing yoga, cheering for "The Eagles", listening and dancing to music and socializing with friends, family and Rich's (my husband) and my furry babies.

Speaking of furry babies, I love all types of animals. As a matter of fact, I have four adorable rescue animals. They include two cats named Gizmo and Charlie and two dogs named Bodhisattva (Bodhi) and Lila Grace. I have to share with you that when I was working on school work last year, Bodhi ate part of my homework and I had to redo it! Can you believe it? I hope this doesn't happen to any of you this school year!

As for teaching, for twenty-eight years, I have had the pleasure of teaching grades three through eight in Maryland, Japan, Germany, California and Pennsylvania. I've also been fortunate to have the

opportunity to travel to approximately 30 states and 40 countries!
Obviously, I love to travel and learn about people and cultures.

I can't wait to meet you and to get to know all about your hobbies, interests, family, culture and other things that are important to you!

Please take a look at "3D's Class Supply List" below. **Please** bring your supplies on the first day of school. Our room is #117, and I look very forward to meeting you! I know it's going to be an amazing year!

Love,
Lisa Unger/Mrs. DiPasquale

3D's Class Supply List for 2018-19

3D Parents and Guardians, please **print out and complete the attached Dismissal Schedule form for your child**. Then have your child **bring it to school on the first day** or scan and **email it to me** (ungerl@lmsd.org) **prior to the first day of school**. **Thank you** for your help with your child's dismissal schedule for this year.

During the first week of school, I will send home a Parent/Guardian Questionnaire with questions for you to answer to help me get to know and understand your child's interests, strengths, mindset, areas of concern (if any), etc. I highly value your knowledge and perspective of your child to help me best meet his/her needs in the classroom to support growth - academic, emotional, social and physical.

Please email me if there is any information you feel is important for me to know about your child **prior** to the first day of school.

3D's Supply List

- (24) sharpened #2 pencils with erasers (labeled with your name, please)
- (1) three-hole punched two-pocket folder of any design, picture or color
- (2) three-ring binders with a 1-inch spine (NO trapper keepers, please!)
- (3) hard covered composition notebooks (wide-ruled, 100 pages-NO spiral bound books)
- (3) pads of sticky notes/Post it (any light color - 3" X 3")
- (1) box of tissues (without lotion, please)
- (1) pair of headphones (inexpensive ear buds are best) that will fit in a small baggie.
- (1) pack index cards -- lined (3" x 5")
- (1) pack of colored pencils (No bigger than 12 pack)
- (1) pack of thin markers (No bigger than 12 pack)
- (1) black permanent marker of Sharpie
- (2) dry-erase markers (fine tip, low odor, please)
- (1) small dry-board eraser
- (1) small, quiet and handheld pencil sharpener with detachable shavings catcher
- (1) vinyl eraser (They tend to erase the best.)
- If your **last name begins with A**, (1) container of disinfecting wipes
- If your **last name begins with B**, (1) box of small snack-size zip lock bags
- If your **last name begins with C**, (1) box of sandwich-size zip lock bags
- If your **last name begins with D**, (1) box of gallon-size zip lock bags
- If your **last name begins with E - F**, (1) pack of wide-rule lined, loose leaf paper
- If your **last name begins with G - Z**, (1) container of dry-erase board wipes

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- (5-10) small pictures of only yourself or you with friends, family, pets or a beautiful setting/background that we can cut and paste. (You will use the pictures to decorate your Writer's Notebook in class and to glue on some on the writing pieces that you will publish during the school year.)
- (5-12) words or favorite motivational sayings that interest you or tell about you. They may be funny or helpful sayings that your family shares at home such as "Always do your best," "Make each day special," and so on. You may draw the words or sayings using colored markers, cut them out of a newspaper or magazine, create them on the computer or choose another 2-D (two dimensional/length and width) way to do them. Make them at least three-inches tall and wide. (We will use these to decorate your Writer's Notebook during the first week of school.) Have fun!
- An inquisitive and creative mind
- A helpful and positive attitude
- A happy smile on your face and in your heart

OPTIONAL -

- Colored pens to use for writing time (2 - 4 colors)
- Foot fidget band (that I will place on a student's chair legs)
- Seat balance disc/cushion OR wedge for chair. Do not pump it completely full of air. In previous years, I have observed one or both of these items to be beneficial to support attention to learning for adults and children. The balance seat cushions enable a child to move the cushion with them as they sit in various areas around the room. (I sit on a balance seat cushion with soft spikes on one side and a smooth surface on the other side.)

Please bring your supplies in on the first day of school so that we can get off to an organized start.

Note that as the year progresses, the class may find the need for additional supplies. Families will be notified as far in advance as possible of other needed materials. Also, **if any of the items on this list are unattainable**, please contact our guidance counselor, Karen Brandenburger, at BrandeK@lmsd.org and necessary arrangements will be made.

*Always know, that in 3D,
we work together joyfully, respectfully and cooperatively
as a team
with students, parents, guardians and school staff,
and we love, accept, support and celebrate each other.*