August 2023

Hello Third Grade Parents and Guardians!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I am Amy Borders and I will be one of your child’s teachers. I will be teaching Math, Science, and Social Studies this school year. Just a little about me, I have two adult children with families of their own. I have a tiny dog named Olive who keeps me company. I have been teaching twenty-three years, eighteen of those in Greenville. I earned my bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Dayton and have a master’s degree from Tiffin University in curriculum development. Math was my concentration and is my favorite subject to teach!

I am excited to work with you to help your children achieve their academic goals this year!

Hannah Eley is the intervention specialist who will be supporting us in the classroom. This will be her fourth year of teaching, third year working in Greenville. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Wittenberg University. She is very kind, caring and knowledgeable. She will be offering additional support daily to help all of us reach our goals.

**Discipline/Behavior**

This year we are continuing to implement a behavior management system called the PAX Good Behavior Game. This management system encourages students to make positive behavior choices throughout the day and has been proven to help students acquire self-regulation leading to peaceful, productive, healthy, and happy lives. Students will be given a goal on the number of tickets which they are to earn throughout each month in order to receive the monthly incentive (movie, craft, extra recess, etc.).  Student expectations are to follow all school rules as outlined in the school discipline plan found in the student handbook.  Behavior which is disruptive to the learning environment will result in immediate discussion and disciplinary action. Please let me know if you have any questions about this system. As we implement the PAX Good Behavior Game, expect to hear words like pax, spleem, and tootles from your students.

**Assignment Books or Planners**

Your child will be responsible for filling out their assignment book/planner each day. It is important for students to know which assignments need to be completed daily. Each night your child should look over their assignment book with you and double check that homework has been completed. This book is an excellent place to write notes to us if needed. The assignment book/planner will not have to be signed by parents/guardians unless teachers deem necessary.

**Homework**

Homework is an important extension of the learning that takes place in school.  Homework provides practice and activities that reinforce classroom learning.  Parents can help their children by arranging a quiet, comfortable place for the student to work and by seeing that assignments are completed.

I will send Math homework home on Mondays and will be due on Fridays each week. Assignments will be written in the planner. Please help your child check the planner daily.

**IPads**

Your child will once again be issued an iPad for the school year. It will be used daily in classes and will only go home when necessary.

Repair Costs for Damaged Ipad and Accessories:

Replaced cases- $40.00

Cracked Screens- $129.00

Chargers-$19.00

Cables-$19.00

**Basic Schedule Information**

Lunch will be at 11:43 pm daily. Our recess will follow lunch. Recess is over at 12:17 pm daily.

**Specials Schedule**

Our specials will be daily from 1:25-2:05.

**Ms. Borders’ Homeroom**

Monday Gym

Tuesday Art

Wednesday Library and/or Lifewise

Thursday Music

Friday Technology

**Mrs. Kraft’s Homeroom**

Monday Gym

Tuesday Library and/or Lifewise

Wednesday Art

Thursday Technology

Friday Music

**Communication**

1:25 pm-2:05 pm will be our plan time. If you need to talk with us, calling during special times works well. Just let the secretary know the students are in a special.

If you are more comfortable, notes and emails work well too. We will always strive to respond within 24 hours.

We will send home a newsletter monthly with classroom information and ideas of how you can help your student. We will print the newsletter on bright green paper so it will be easy to spot.

Your child’s third grade year will be a great success if we all work together!

Sincerely,

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