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Fine Arts & Academic Center

Dear Parents and Students,

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It brings me great pleasure to announce that I'm your new 3rd grade teacher. I hope you experienced an enjoyable summer, and are as eager to return to school as I am. Please allow me to introduce myself and give you some information on what it will take to make this school year a success.

My name is Mrs. Rosa, and this will be my nineteenth year teaching at Pirie. I was raised in the Chatham area and I'm a product of the Chicago Public School system. In addition, I'm very excited and look forward to working as a team with your family.

Homework will be assigned Monday through Friday. Your child will receive an assignment book provided by the school. It is his/her responsibility to record homework assignments in it at the end of each day. Parents should ensure that all homework is complete and accurate. Your verification that this has been done is shown in the form of your signature in the assignment book each night. Grades will be given according to the standards set forth by our school district. Our goal is for every student to become college ready!

<u>School Wide Grading Scale</u>	<u>Category Weights</u>
A....90 – 100	Homework 10%
B....80 – 89	Class Assignments 30%
C.....70 – 79	Exams 35%
D.....60 – 69	Quizzes 25%
F.....0 – 59	

Students are expected to come to school prepared for work. This means that students must bring the appropriate school supplies daily. All supplies should accompany your child on the first day of school. The following items are required:

- 24 sharpened #2 pencils
- 6 glue sticks (no bottles)
- 3 packages of white-ruled loose leaf paper
- 2 composition notebooks
- 1 book bag
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 small pencil supply bag (no hard boxes)
- 2 two pocket folders (red and blue)
- 3 tubs of disinfecting wipes
- 2 reams of printer paper

Behavior and academics go hand and hand. In order for your child to perform to the best of his/her ability, a system of clear rules and expectations must be established. Rules and expectations will be explained to all students and communicated to parents.

Teamwork is a necessary ingredient for a productive school year. I will keep you informed of your child's progress. I encourage you and your child to be proactive and involved in the education process. Your anticipated cooperation will be appreciated in making this an instructive and productive school year.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rosa