

September 6, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a brand new school year! My name is Mrs. VerSchave and I will be your child's third grade teacher. This is my twelfth year at Pirie and I am looking forward to working with you and your child. Your child will have a big year ahead of them in third grade, with big responsibilities and big expectations. Third grade is a benchmark year, meaning that students must pass their spring NWEA assessment in order to pass to fourth grade and not have to attend summer school. We have a lot of work to do this year and I need your cooperation, support, and help to make sure we have a successful year! I expect that all students will come to school prepared, with positive attitudes, and a readiness to learn and work hard.

For the first eleven weeks of the school year, we are fortunate to have Ms. Davenport joining our classroom. She is a student at DePaul University and will be completing her student teaching in our classroom. She will be teaching lessons, working with small groups, and doing all the responsibilities of a classroom teacher. During her time with us, she will be contacting you through letters, phone calls, and notes in the planner. Please welcome her to Pirie!

Here are a few important facts about my third grade classroom:

- Students will have homework every day. Please make sure your child completes his/her homework and brings it back to school every day.
- Students need to be prepared to work every day! Please check on your child's supplies and refill if necessary. Students must have at least 2 sharpened pencils with them every day.
- Every child can and will learn a great deal this year. I have a positive attitude towards every student that is part of my classroom.
- I will be in contact with you in various forms – phone calls, notes home, monthly newsletters, behavior logs, etc.
- Conferences can be scheduled before or after school, depending on both of our schedules. If you would like to schedule a conference, please send a note or call so that we can find a date/time that works.
- Your child will be receiving his/her Pirie planner this month, in which he/she will write down homework assignments. This is another means of communication between you and I. Please feel free to write down any notes in the planner and sign them every night after your child has completed their homework.
- Attached is a copy of the supply list for this school year. Please make sure your child is prepared, with their supplies clearly labeled with their name.

Again, with your help, this will be a successful and enjoyable year for all of us! Please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions, or concerns.

Thank you!

Room 112's Supply List

- 24 sharpened #2 pencils
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 6 glue sticks*
- 1 pair of scissors
- Small supply bag (NO supply boxes)
- 2 black and white composition notebooks
- 3 packs of loose leaf paper (WIDE RULED only)
- 2 two-pocket folders (one red and one blue)
- 2 reams of computer printer paper
- 1 box of sandwich sized zip lock bags
- 3 tubs of disinfecting wipes
- 2 roll of paper towels
- 4 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 book bag

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