

Dear Parents,

August 25, 2010

Welcome to 3B. My name is Mrs. Burzynski, your child's 3rd grade teacher. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year working with your child. Although I will meet and talk to most of you Thursday September 16th, "Back to School Night", I would like to communicate some helpful survival tips for 3rd grade.

Third grade is a year of many changes, starting with the 5 hard cover text books each child will be receiving. We do require that all text books be covered. You may choose to cover the books with brown paper bags. I recommend the stretchy, cloth covers (**jumbo size only, 10 1/2 in. x 11 1/2 in.**). These can be purchased at a number of stores: Office Depot, Target, Michaels etc. Please do not use wrapping paper (it tears easily) or any of the sticky covers (they ruin the books). Please keep the covers at home. I will be sending 1 or 2 books home nightly for you to cover.

We will also be using an assignment notebook this year. It is important that you purchase it in the school office for \$4.00. If you have not already purchased one, you will need to do so as soon as possible. These books are a great way to assist your child in developing their organizational skills as well as an excellent way for us to communicate with each other, since they are checked daily. For these reasons I **require** that the students have their assignment notebooks signed by a parent or guardian **every** night.

Each student should also have an expandable folder that will be used on a daily basis to transport their homework and other important papers. **Please remember to check your child's folder and assignment notebook every night.** Daily work and tests that have been graded will be sent home every Friday in a "Friday Folder". All "Friday Folders" should be emptied, signed and returned on Monday morning.

We will be having a quiet reading time in school and therefore each student will be require to bring a book with him/her to read **every day**. Scholastic book orders are a great resource for you to get inexpensive books for your child.

We do not have snack time in third grade however; we eat lunch earlier, 11:00. Sending a daily water bottle is also recommended (please make sure the water bottles are labeled with your child's name). Birthday treats are always welcome. Students who have summer birthdays are welcome to bring a treat in during their Star Student Week. We do have a student with a peanut allergy so please keep this in mind when sending in snacks.

We will begin our first weekly spelling unit next Monday August 30th, with a pre-test on Thursday and a final test on Friday. As an incentive to study early, any student who receives a 100% on their pre-test (all 20 words) does not have to take the Friday test. Weekly spelling lists, specials schedule, behavior plan as well as news letters will be posted on the St. Thomas web site. I do like to send parent updates via e-mail so please send an e-mail to rburzynski@stthomascl.org from an email address you would like me to use for parent teacher communications.

Our scheduled gym days are Monday and Wednesday. Gym clothes and shoes need to be **labeled** and carried to school in a **gym bag** or **plastic bag**. Since we have gym twice a week the students may choose to bring their clothes on Monday and leave them at school until Wednesday.

I am looking forward to a fun, exciting and productive year with your child.

God Bless,

Mrs. Rosemary Burzynski

Specials Schedule:3B

Monday - Gym 9:45 to 10:30

Tuesday - Mass 8:30, Library 12:00-12:30, Music 1:00-1:30

Wednesday - Spanish 8:30-9:00, Gym 9:45 to 10:30,

Thursday - Art 1:00-1:45

Friday -Computer 10:00 to 10:45