



Welcome to 3rd Grade and a new school year!

Thank you for entrusting me with the awesome privilege of being your child's teacher; I appreciate your faith and trust in me.

Please know I don't take my teaching responsibilities lightly. I will work tirelessly to help your child achieve success. I believe that, given the right conditions, every child can excel and succeed. With your help and support, we can provide an optimal learning experience this year.

Here are a few things I'd like you to know about my approach to teaching:

- I will strive to help your child appreciate and embrace their own uniqueness.
- I have high, yet reachable expectations for students. They will come out of this year with more confidence and self-assurance.
- Your child's well-being will always be at the forefront of my mind.
- In addition to achieving academic excellence, one of my goals is to help students be better equipped to face life's challenges with compassion and kindness.

Here are a few things I'd like you to know:

- Everyday your child should bring the following items to school:
 - **full water** bottle labeled with their name
 - healthy snack from home
 - Lunch
 - Back and Forth Folder
 - Student Planner
- About the "Back and Forth Folder" this folder has a "Keep at Home" and "Return to School" side, this will serve as my primary information delivery method, aside from emails and our class website. Newsletters will be emailed home on a weekly basis.
- Spelling will begin shortly.
 - This will be the pattern for the entire school year, new words on Friday and the test will be the following Friday.
 - If on occasion we do not have school on Friday, tests will be moved accordingly and communicated with students and parents in advance.
- Freckle is replacing IXL this year. I will send more information regarding this new program shortly.
 - Assignments will be sent home on Friday and due the following Friday

I look forward to having your child in my class and getting to know you and your family as the year progresses. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Amanda Ulch