Dear Families,

I am extremely excited to partner with you this upcoming school year! Teaching elementary-aged children is a blessing to me and I value your input and support as we prepare for a strong start to third grade! I believe that parents are the primary educators of their children and together we can work to set up all children for optimal success for the ‘25-’26 school year!

Building upon their foundation gained in second grade, third graders can expect to transition toward learning more complex concepts and higher order thinking as we navigate our school day. Learning how to think, problem solve, and strengthen organizational skills will be a major focus.

Our days will be packed with interactive learning activities as each child works to reach their full potential and begin to understand how they learn best. I am excited to work with all children to instill a love of learning.

This year, many of our third graders will be preparing to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. It will be the pinnacle of our religion lessons and cause for great celebrations as the children understand these beautiful sacraments instituted by Christ.

As third graders enjoy their summer vacations, they should review their math facts, and attempt to read on a daily basis. It is not fun to return to school in the fall with “rusty” brains and I appreciate your support ensuring that boys and girls tackle some academics.

Upon our return to school, the children will be completing a “clothes hanger” book report and this will take place in class the first week back. Please help your son/daughter find a fictional picture book or chapter book at their independent reading level and have them read it before school begins. I will be in touch with you in early August to provide you with more information.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in the near future, and am thankful for the opportunity to work with you and your beautiful children. Please reach out at any time over the summer break to connect with any questions for me as we prepare for the upcoming school year.

God Bless,

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