



Dear Room 3 Parents,

I am super excited to see all of you and your little ones! Even though I am disappointed that conditions won't allow for the reopening of school yet, I have no doubt we will have a wonderful year and come out stronger, kinder, and wiser because of it!

I have been working over the summer toward making this year engaging and meaningful for your children.

My primary goals for the *beginning* of the school year with your children are to:

- 1) Make a meaningful connections with them
- 2) Help them to reconnect with each other
- 3) Build trust
- 4) Engage in shared experiences through zoom lessons
- 5) Develop a school routine to support their learning throughout the year

My goals with you as parents are to:

- 1) Introduce you to the third grade program
- 2) Partner with you by holding one-on-one meetings to answer questions and to understand any challenges you or your child are experiencing
- 3) Make my program easily accessible for you and your child with easy to follow routines, schedules, and directions
- 4) Always solicit your input to grow and improve our program, and demonstrate compassion and empathy for the challenges of distance learning

We are going to start *slow and steady*. The objective is to get everyone (students and parents) comfortable before moving on to more rigor.

I have attached our proposed daily schedule. Please remember that the first few weeks will be focused on community building. I will roll out this schedule slowly and only after I am able to meet with each student individually to clearly assess their needs.

Conferences

In order to get to know all of you and to answer your questions, I am asking that you *first* watch this [video](#) and *then* [sign up for a one-on-one zoom meeting](#). These meetings will take place during the first week of school (next week!!!) and are for parents to attend. Please let me know if these times don't work for you.

During the second and third weeks of school, I would like to have a one-on-one conference with each student. The purpose of this zoom meeting is to get to know your child better and to administer preliminary assessments. *More information about this will come later.

School Materials

Fridays at noon will be our “pick-up” and “drop-off” time for materials. Please pick-up school materials in front of Room 3 every Friday between 12-1 p.m. starting Friday, August 21st. Every week thereafter, I will place materials for the following week in your child’s designated book box. When something is asked to be returned to me, please do so the following week at the same time (Fridays at noon.) *Please leave the book boxes on the bench and only take what is inside.

On Tuesday, August 11th, at 10:00 a.m, I will have some materials for you to take home. I am hoping that by getting new school materials, students will get excited about our first week of school! I will be providing notebooks, binders, etc. At home, I would recommend having: pencils, erasers, a pair of scissors, crayons or colored pencils, and a quiet place designated for distance learning. Likewise, if you haven't done so yet, please coordinate with the office if you still need to pick up a device.

Overview

Week One Aug.12-14:

- Daily whole class morning zoom meetings at 8:45 a.m.
- Parent/Teacher zoom conferences

Week Two Aug. 17-21:

- Daily whole class morning zoom meetings at 8:45 a.m.
- Mid-week: begin student assessments
- August 21st- First Friday material pick-up at 12 p.m.

Week Three Aug. 24-28:

- Daily whole class morning zoom meetings at 8:45 a.m.
- Continue student assessments

Week Four: Aug. 31-Sept.4:

- Start full “Daily Zoom Schedule” (see *attached*)
- Begin synchronous, asynchronous, and small group work

I am overjoyed to have your child in my class! Although things are not going to look the same as they usually do, I am absolutely looking forward to this upcoming school year and know that change can turn into something better than we could ever have imagined! I am aware this letter doesn't answer many of the questions you may have. My “door” is always open. Likewise, I am hoping to answer your questions at our one-on-one zoom meeting. In the meantime, feel free to email me at any time.

Sincerely,

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