



Dear Incoming Third Grade Families,

Welcome to Third Grade at The Meadowbrook School! It is a year of exciting growth and opportunity for you and your child. My name is Arlene Bowler, and I am excited to share that I will be your child's third grade teacher. This will be my eighth year at The Meadowbrook School. I received my Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Special Education from Temple University in 2012. I continue to seek professional development to quench my love for learning and provide the best education for your child. I have recently completed the Science of Reading at AIM Institute, Responsive Classroom, and Google Education. In addition, Kelly Mosteller and Kelsey Harp will provide support and enrichment in language arts and mathematics, respectively.

There is so much to look forward to in third grade at The Meadowbrook School. A few highlights are intergenerational pen pals, Redeemer Village buddies, and our second grade buddies. We will explore the history of Pennsylvania including William Penn and the colonial period, Indigenous peoples, and the Amish. Students will also dive into a wide range of texts, write several "masterpieces," and learn how to multiply and divide.

Third grade is a very important year in your child's academic career. It is the year that students shift from learning to read to reading to learn. The work and expectations become more challenging than what they have experienced in previous grades. The reading passages get harder, the writing gets longer, and the level of abstract thinking in mathematics increases, but I will be there every step of the way to facilitate their learning and I am excited to have your support along the way. I aim to create a safe learning environment for all students to reach their full potential. Through differentiated instruction, small learning groups, hands-on activities, student choice, and class discussions students will be encouraged to ask questions, share their ideas and take risks.

Open communication is very important for a successful school year and I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. My email is abowler@themeadowbrookschool.org. Additionally, check out the Meadowbrook Family Portal for important information on summer work and the supply list. Meadowbrook feels like home to me and I look forward to sharing my passion for learning with you and your child(ren).

I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to a new school year!

Warmly,
Arlene Bowler

THIRD GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 6 folders (plastic or laminated - they last longer)
- 2 folders labeled Spanish and French
- 4 composition notebooks
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 black, ultra fine point, Sharpie (permanent marker)
- 12 pencils
- 2 large erasers
- 1 small box of markers
- 1 small box of color pencils and/or crayons
- 1 pair of kid friendly scissors
- 1 highlighter
- 4 dry erase markers
- dry erase eraser (an old sock or cloth works well)
- 1 pencil case or box
- 1 pack of square Post-it Notes
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes
- earbuds/headphones
- wireless mouse
- 1 folder or magazine holder to hold books next to desk
- 1 reusable water bottle
- Chapter book to keep in desk