



2019-20

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade! We are excited to start this school year off! We look forward to all of the hard work from all of our students. We are excited to work closely together with each and every family.

This is the first year that your child will be taking the NYS Math and ELA tests. With your support and guidance, we will be preparing your child with all the necessary test taking skills they need for these exams.

In math, we will be learning multiplication, division, equivalent fractions, area, perimeter and much more. It is very important to practice with your child nightly their times tables. Our inquiry content based (science and social studies) units will go along with our reading and writing units. Your child will be given one or two inquiry projects during each unit to complete at home. These will be presented in class and will be an important part of their report card grade. We will be going on field trips to support our inquiry units. Some trips will include Chinese Museum, Museum of Natural History, Bronx Zoo and many more.

The transdisciplinary themes that will be covered this year are as follows:

Unit 1 – How We Organize Ourselves: Our Pale Blue Dot (Geography)

Unit 2 – How the World Works: Forces and Interactions (Science)

Unit 3 – How We Express Ourselves: China's Culture, History, Geography and Government (Social Studies)

Unit 4 – Where We Are in Place and Time: How to Stay Safe During Natural Disasters (Science)

Unit 5 – Who We Are: Culture and Traditions of Africa (Social Studies)

Unit 6 – Sharing the Planet: Animals and Plants in Varied Ecosystems (Science)

Our school will be having Curriculum Night on September 12<sup>th</sup> and Parent-teacher Conferences on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Until then, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to leave a message in the office or send a note with your child and we will contact you at our earliest convenience.

We have attached a supply list that is essential for your child's success. It is important that your child comes to school equipped with the tools that he/she needs to learn. Students are asked to bring the supplies to school as soon as possible so we can get into our routines and getting organized.

Working together equals success!!

Sincerely,

Third Grade Teachers



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Supply List

3 – packs of wide ruled loose-leaf

6 - marble notebooks

8 - two pocket folders with prongs (Solid colors: 2 red, 2 blue, 2 green, 2 yellow)

6 - boxes of pencils

1 - 12" inch ruler with both inches and centimeters

1- box of gallon ziplock bags

1- box of sandwich ziplock bags

3 – boxes of tissues

3 – rolls of paper towels

2 – boxes of baby wipes

1 – pack of highlighters (multi-colored)

1 – pair of scissors

1 – pack of dry erase markers

1 – pack of blue pens

1 – pack of colored pencils

1 – pack of markers

2 – packs of post its

1 – pack of index cards size 3X5 lined (White)

1 – pack of index cards size 3X5 lined (Multi-colored pack: pink, orange, yellow, green)

1 – pack of index cards size 4X6 lined

2 – boxes of crayons

2 – packs of glue sticks

1 – pack of construction papers

1 – pair of headphones (to use with our laptops)