

# Welcome to Third Grade with Ms. Gallagher

Hi! My name is Ms. Gallagher and I am THRILLED to be your third grade teacher! This will be my second year at Florida Ruffin Ridley School and I cannot wait. I previously taught grade 4 at Pierce School in Brookline for 4 years and also taught grade 5 in Connecticut for 2 years. This coming year is going to be a fun year full of lots of learning and new adventures. I want to know ALL about you, but first I would like to tell you a little about myself.

I was born and raised in Manchester, Connecticut. In 2015, I graduated from the University of Connecticut with my Masters in Education and have taught in different parts of Connecticut, Massachusetts and even in London, England. My favorite thing about being a teacher is getting to form relationships with students, families and the school community. Outside of teaching, some of my favorite things are traveling, eating pizza and going on runs in my neighborhood. This summer I am spending time with my family and taking trips to the beach. I hope that you can tell me something that you enjoyed doing this summer!

In third grade we have so much learning to do together. We will begin the year by learning about each other. My hope is that our classroom can be its own community, where we respect, collaborate and listen to one another. I promise to support you throughout the school year and know that you will put forth your best effort! In third grade, you will learn to read many different kinds of fiction and non-fiction texts, as we learn about Massachusetts' geography, history and culture. In language arts we will work on narrative, informational and opinion writing. My goal is that you think of yourself as an author by the end of the year! In math we will explore the topics of place value and operations, fractions and geometry. As scientists we will investigate the topic of structure and act as mammal detectives. We have so many new things to learn and I cannot wait to begin our journey!

For our classroom, I will have supplies (scissors, markers, pencils, glue sticks, etc.) available for everyone. I will also be providing a take home folder, subject folders and notebooks that you will be using. The most important thing that you can bring on the first day of school is your enthusiasm and a positive attitude! 😊

I am looking forward to meeting you on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 6th. Let's get excited to make some great memories in third grade!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gallagher