

Dear 3J Families,

Welcome to third grade! I hope that this summer you've had time to relax and have some fun. I am SO looking forward to meeting all of you and building a classroom community where we can all learn and grow together.

My all time favorite thing about being a teacher is getting to know my students. I cannot wait to learn all about the things that are important to you! Until I get to meet you in person, I thought I would share a little about myself. This is my 11th year working at FRR, but my first year teaching third grade. Prior to this year I have worked with students in the middle school at FRR. This summer I'll be spending lots of time at the beach and visiting my family in California. Some of my favorite things to do are baking, playing or watching soccer, and coloring with my 4-year-old daughter. When I was in third grade my favorite books were Nancy Drew Mystery Stories, and to this day I still love reading anything with suspense or a surprise ending!

This year we will continue to build on all of the amazing skills you developed in second grade. We'll be working on operations, geometry, and fractions in math. We'll read a wide range of texts and continue to build your reading and comprehension skills. You'll work on developing your craft as a writer, as we practice creating narrative and expository pieces. In Social Studies we will be learning about the geography of Massachusetts and the lives and culture of the people who have lived here, and in Science we'll learn all about structures and mammals. I can't wait to dive into learning about all these exciting topics together!

For your first day of school, all you need to bring is a water bottle and a snack. I will send home information about any additional materials needed after school starts for the year.

I am so excited to meet you and looking forward to spending a wonderful school year together!

Sincerely,

Ms. Judd

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