

Dear Conservatory Lab 3rd grade Families,

HELLO! I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the lovely summer weather. Can you believe there are only a few weeks left until the first day of school?! I'm very excited to meet you. I know we are going to have fun working and learning together.

I have been busy getting our classroom ready. I think you will like it. It is filled with lots and lots of interesting books, great math games, computers and comfortable places to work and share. When I haven't been in the classroom, I have been busy taking care of my three children: Ruby, Finn and Rowan. You will get to know more about them during the year. I can't wait to learn about you and the people, places and topics that you love.

3rd grade is a very exciting year. You will learn a lot and discover amazing things about yourself—as a learner and thinker. You will set goals to help you consistently grow in a direction that is just right for you, and you will learn the importance of being a community member.

In Reader's Workshop we will begin to think about the big ideas in stories, think more deeply about characters, use evidence from the text to make inferences and write responses to what we read. In Writer's Workshop, we will write personal narratives, realistic fiction pieces and poems. During Math Workshop, we will continue to investigate our base-ten number system, work with larger numbers, explore multiplication and division, fractions and 2-D geometry. We will use lots of different tools, play lots of fun games and reflect on the strategies we use. In LTME, we will learn about the Wampanoag and Pilgrims, rocks and minerals, and the Charles River watershed. We will listen to great pieces of music from the pop/rock genre during Listening Project and learn cursive. DOESN'T THIS SOUND AWESOME?!

I hope you will continue to enjoy these days before school starts. Looking forward to Monday, August 29th. See you then!

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