



Dear Third Grade Families,

Welcome to third grade! We have been working together all summer planning a fun, engaging, and enriching year. Whether we are learning remotely or in-person, we hope to make this the best experience for your third grader.

We look forward to the **“Meet and Greet Day” on September 1st** when we will hand out the materials your child will need for remote learning. There will likely be times when you may be asked to pick up additional work while we are in distance learning mode (this will be done following health guidelines for COVID 19). Please note that some of the materials are textbooks, math manipulatives, and other St. Luke property that will need to be returned to school when we go back to in-person learning. The amended supply list is below. For now, if you have already purchased supplies, please hold on to them as they will be needed when we return to school.

To promote online learning, we will be using **Google Classroom** for all assignments and tasks so students and parents have a checklist of what needs to be done. However, we will use other websites such as MobyMax, BrainPOP, Savvas Realize, ConnectEd, ALEKS, and Mystery Science to help engage and provide excellent educational experiences for your child. You will receive more information about how to access these programs/websites via email during the first weeks of school. In addition, we will send out weekly communication and schedules via postings on our St. Luke webpage.

Monday through Thursday will include both synchronous (Zooms with teacher and classmates) and asynchronous (independent work) time. Friday will be asynchronous only and may include specialists, projects, art, enrichment, ELA work/spelling test and/or catch-up time. We will be scheduling at least **4 Zooms daily**, Monday through Thursday. Zoom meetings will be 30 minutes each. Zoom meetings will be used for our **Morning Meeting** (attendance, prayer, daily schedule and other activities to kick off the day) at 8:45 a.m., **Religion** at 9:00 a.m., **ELA** at 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., **Math** 10:45-11:30, and one afternoon meeting for **Social Studies or Science** on Tuesday 12:30-1:30. Please check the Third Grade Information google site for the most up-to-date schedules and Class News.

We will also schedule **weekly one-on-one Zoom time** with each student. During this time we will check-in with students, provide support, answer questions, and proctor individual assessments as needed. Parents are not required to be on the call but are welcome to attend with their child. In addition to one-on-one Zooms, please email your homeroom teacher if you would like to schedule additional time to meet with us.

Please help your child to set-up a quiet **work area** where they can sit at a desk/table to participate in Zooms and complete their classwork. We ask that all kids be “Ready to Learn/Zoom” including being appropriately dressed, finished with breakfast, sitting at a desk, have all supplies ready, and camera on by 8:45 a.m. Much of the student's work will be done digitally with the use of google docs, Google Slides, and Google Forms. But there may be assignments where students will be asked to take pictures and upload to the Google classroom where the teacher will review the work and provide feedback.

We will spend the first couple of weeks getting to know the students, building our classroom community, reviewing concepts from the prior year, and assessing students. All assignments will be posted to the Google Classroom associated with that subject.

We are looking forward to this adventure in third grade. Please feel free to email us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Third Grade Supply List Modifications for Distance Learning:

As we transition to distance learning models this Fall, the original supply list provided will need to be modified, as follows below.

1. Continue to buy all individual supplies as we will use them when we resume in-person learning.
2. You will **NOT** need to purchase the following supplies until we resume in-person learning:
 - Paper towels
 - Kleenex
 - Disinfectant wipes
 - Baby wipes
 - 3 ring binder
 - Heavy bottom pocket folders
3. Students will still use their 5 composition notebooks. We will send home labels to help students keep track of each one.
4. Additionally, please make sure you have:
 - Pencil sharpener
 - white copier paper (for Art) (We will be sending home supplies for some art projects periodically while we are distant learning.

5. Put all high-use supplies in a student's pencil pouch or small bin
 - 2 - 3 sharpened pencils
 - Large eraser
 - Highlighter
 - 2 dry erase markers
 - Scissors
 - Gluestick

6. Keep all art supplies in a art supply container:
 - Crayons
 - Colored pencils
 - Markers
 - Watercolor paints
 - Oil pastels

7. Teachers will send home the following supplies - these items belong to the school & *will need to be returned* once we resume in-person learning.
 - Math Toolkit - Math manipulatives
 - Math Book Volume 1
 - Text Collection
 - The Case of the Gasping Garbage Chapter Book
 - Religion Book
 - Small Whiteboard

8. All other workbooks and notebooks will be sent home for you to use & *will need to be returned* once we resume in-person learning.