Welcome to 3rd GRADE!

Congratulations on your achievement! We have many things to learn during the 2017-2018 school year. Here are some things you should do over the summer to help us get off to a great start …

1. **READ!** You need to be reading on grade level. Reading requires practice, so keep reading a variety of genres over the summer – fiction, nonfiction, realistic fiction, poetry, folktales, biographies, etc. Your goal should be 15-20 minutes of reading each day.
2. **KNOW YOUR MATH FACTS!** Your ability to quickly recall addition and subtraction facts when you come in August will help you to have a successful year. Memorization of your facts is **key** to higher level problem solving strategies you will be introduced to in third grade. Your goal should be to know your addition and subtraction facts to 18 when you return in the fall.
3. **WRITE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES!** Make sure to use a capital letter at the beginning of your sentences and always use punctuation marks at the end of your sentences. You should also be able to write one paragraph about a topic and don't forget to indent! Keep a journal over the summer to practice your writing. Your goal should be to write for 20 minutes each week over the summer.
4. **EXPLORE THE WORLD AROUND YOU!** Scientists are always observing and recording observations in nature. Draw pictures of animals, natural resources and things happening in your environment. In Social Studies, we will examine maps and different locations. Keep a map marked with the places you visit over the summer and write about how those locations and people are similar or different from your own community.

Have a great summer and see you in August!

Sincerely,

Third Grade Teachers

Please sign below to indicate that your son has done the above throughout the summer and return this form on the first day of school.

Student's Name _____

Parent Signature _____