

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Mapleshade family. You and your child will be embarking on a new journey in his/her educational life. We are happy to be a part of this exciting adventure. Here are a few things that you should know before we begin:

Classroom Needs for September: While out shopping this summer, here is a list of the items that we will be using in the classroom. Please make sure to bring the items in on the first day of school. During the school year items might need to be replenished. Please note that a few of the classrooms will also ask for additional items for students. Please see individual class lists below.

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| Crayons-24 pack | wide ruled 8 1/2 x 11 1 subject notebooks (2 per student) |
| Glue sticks | # 2 Pencils (please no mechanical pencils) |
| Tissues | Antibacterial wipes |
| White board markers | Colored Pencils |
| Post- Its | |

Individual Class Supply Lists for 2016-2017

Mrs. Cosentini Room 1	Mrs. Toller Room 2	Mrs. McCauley Room 3	Mrs. Plahna Room 4	Mr. Goldman Room 5	Room 6
Washable Markers Highlighters 3 different colored pocket folders (green, yellow, orange) Rectangular erasers (1pk)	White board markers Rectangular erasers (1pk) 3 different colored pocket folders (green, yellow, orange)	Soft pencil pouch Washable Markers Rectangular erasers (1pk) Highlights 3 different colored pocket folders (green, yellow, orange)	Extra pack of pencils (in addition to above) Rectangular erasers (1pk) 3 different colored pocket folders (green, yellow, orange)	Washable markers yellow highlighters 3 different colored pocket folders (green, yellow, orange) 7th generation wipes please! Rectangular erasers (1pk)	Washable Markers Index cards Pocket folders (5 per student-red, yellow, blue, orange, green)

Homework: Homework might be new for your third grader. Here is some info on homework.

- 20- 30 minutes of homework is assigned nightly
- Homework is always a review of taught skills
- At times unfinished class work may be sent home to be finished.
- Every night 20 minutes of additional silent reading will be assigned.

Homework Assignment Book:

The Mapleshade PTO will provide every student on the first day of school a homework assignment book.

- Assignments will be written in everyday.
- Parents must sign the book nightly and return with completed homework.
- Please use the assignment book as a place for communication with your classroom teacher.
- If the assignment book is lost it is the responsibility of the parents to replace.

Summer Reading List

Please see the summer reading list of books that your child might like to read this summer. We are also encouraging your child to take part in the East Longmeadow Public Library's reading program.

Math Facts

There is the expectation that your child will know their addition and subtraction facts to 20. Please practice and review these facts over the summer. Flashcards might be a helpful tool to successfully master these facts. Some useful websites that also reinforce math facts are: sheppardsoftware.com and interactivesites.weebly.com. These are fun and engaging ways for kids to practice these skills.

We hope these hints will help with the transition jitters. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our wonderful school in August. If you have any concerns over the summer, please feel free to call us at Mapleshade School.

Have a wonderful summer!

The Third Grade Team