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MRS. SHERIDAN'S 3RD GRADE CLASS BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION


- **OUR MAIN CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION PLATFORM WILL BE THROUGH CLASS DOJO. PLEASE JOIN THE CONVERSATION AT [HTTPS://WWW.CLASSDOJO.COM/INVITE/?C=CUNCSNX](https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?C=CUNCSNX)**
- **THE THIRD GRADE CLASSROOM PAGE CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTPS://PRECIOUSBLOOD.ORG/3RD-GRADE](https://preciousblood.org/3rd-grade). (THERE YOU WILL FIND DISTANCE LEARNING ASSIGNMENTS, PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS, AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES)**

INTRODUCTIONS

Hello Parents!

Welcome to a new school year. Words cannot express my excitement to start the adventure of 3rd grade with you all. Our learners can expect a special year created just for them. Although a few things may be different, together we are going to make this the best year that PB has ever had.

A few things about myself. I live in Fort Wayne with my husband and our cat, Lester. I love to reading, cooking, and drinking chai lattes. I have traveled to multiple countries and infuse my experiences into my everyday teaching. Since this is my first year at PB, I am looking forward to meeting and connecting with every one of you as we work together to meet the needs of our students' hearts and minds.



Since I am a new face, several students have been concerned about the rules in my classroom. I will let you know that I only have three! The first I ask my students to practice is *respect* both to adults, each other, and themselves. Showing respect lays the foundation for all of our choices. The second thing we practice is *honesty*. Lying has no place in this classroom. I have no expectation for our students to be perfect. However, I do expect them to own their mistakes and courageously tell the truth. Finally, the third rule is *kindness*. Voices and opinions are welcome in this classroom, but the expectation is that students will have their speech and actions softened with kindness or practice self-control until they can respond kindly.

Please know that I pray for your students daily. They are precious lives that will be loved and valued in my care. My main classroom communication method is Class Dojo (please see communication link). However, I am also available through email or phone call. I check all communication every morning (7:30 a.m.), lunch (11:05 a.m.), and at the end of the day (3:30 p.m.). Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or comments. Welcome to Third Grade!

In His care,
Mrs. Sheridan

Homework:

- Please check your students red "Take-Home" folders and their individual planners every night for homework assignments, permission slips and notes home. I will be sending a brief video out soon to explain how we organize both.
- Please expect limited homework until August 24th as we acclimate to a new school year and different procedures.
- Any distance learning or additional learning can be found on Seesaw.
- Spelling tests will be on Thursday this year instead of Friday.

Arrival/Dismissal:

- Prior to arrival, all parents must complete the daily health checklist for each individual student.
- All students will go directly to their individual classroom upon arrival instead of the gymnasium.
- All parents must arrive at 2:40 p.m. for pickup. The gates will close at 2:45 p.m. Please allow an extra 10-15 minutes at dismissal in order to allow our students to safely social distance while leaving.

**"Give thanks to
the Lord; for he
is good...who
made the great
lights: for his
mercy endures
forever"**

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Snacks/Birthdays:

- I will send out a snack calendar on August 14th for the next month. Each child is responsible for their day to bring a healthy snack for their classmates. I will intentionally assign a snack day to fall on child's birthday for them to bring in a special treat to celebrate.
- Every snack must be individually packaged and sealed prior to coming to class. (Please avoid homemade treats for the time being).
- Bulk snacks are acceptable but must be unopened when sent with your student.



CLASSROOM WISH LIST

- AMAZON GIFT CARDS
- INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED STARBURSTS, FUN-SIZED MILKY WAYS, LITTLE DEBBIE STAR CRUNCHES, COSMIC BROWNIES, OR MOON PIES)
- MULTI-SIZED BAND AIDS
- CLASSROOM BOOKS:
[HTTPS://WWW.AMAZON.COM/HZ/WISHLIST/LS/30GLH9OQJH5EVREF_=WL_SHARE](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30GLH9OQJH5EVREF_=WL_SHARE)
- EASEL PAD GIANT POST-IT NOTES

Volunteer Opportunities:

- At the moment, there are no visitors allowed in the building.
- I am excited about future opportunities to be involved physically in the classroom.

Get To Know the Teacher...

- Mr. Sheridan and I were married on April 18th.
- My favorite color is purple.
- My favorite animal is a camel.
- I love listening to old vinyl records, drinking tea, and reading books.

