



welcome  
to

# THIRD GRADE

Hello! We are so excited to be your third grade teachers. Third grade is an exciting time full of new adventures and learning experiences. We can't wait to see all of you!

Third grade will have two new faces at the front of the classroom.

Read below to get to know your future teachers!

## MS. HEDRICK

- I love to read - mystery and romcoms
- I have a kitty named Rolo
- My favorite meal of the day is breakfast
- My favorite color is green

## MS. LAMBERT

- I love being active and going on hikes
- I love to read - especially historical fiction
- I have two younger sisters
- My favorite color is purple

# ALL ABOUT THIRD

Dear Future Gaston Day Third Grade Families,

Welcome to third grade! We are looking forward to getting to know your child and you in August. Third grade is a year filled with learning, laughter, and most importantly love!

Our teaching and learning revolves around thematic units in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. We read classroom novels that cover the genres of historical fiction, humorous fiction, animal fiction, fantasy, mythology, fairy tales, and non-fiction. We spend the entire year working on developing and growing strong writers as well through the creation of personal narratives, non-fiction writing, letter writing (friendly and business), and persuasive writing. Our monthly required reading is celebrated with fun reading reward times.

Our math curriculum will cover a broad base with a strong emphasis on mastery of multiplication and division skills. We alternate between Social Studies and Science in third grade. Some of our Social Studies units include government/US presidents, world geography, a month-long focus on western European countries, and our fifty, nifty United States. Science will take us on a quest to discover landforms, weather, and animals. Our approach is very hands-on and multi-sensory. We work independently, with partners, and in cooperative groups. This will foster both individual academic confidence as well as prepare our learners to sharpen their collaborative and communication skills as they learn.

Sprinkled in with our academic work, we enjoy going to a variety of special classes including P.E., Music, BBB (Books, Brains, and Beyond), Spark Lab (our version of a STEM lab), Spanish, Keyboarding, and Art.



# SUMMER READING

This summer your child will be expected to read The One and Only Ivan. We will be using this book as we start our year and have many activities planned around it.

Your child will also be need to choose a book from The Who Was/Who Is series to read this summer. These can be read independently, with an adult, or via audiobook.

## All About

### The One and Only Ivan

Based on a true story, but told in Ivan's own voice using simple language and short chapters, this is a story about friendship, compassion for animals, the promises we make, and the things we will do to help someone in need.