

Welcome to Third Grade!

Asalamu Alaikum, Third Grade Families!

I am thrilled to welcome you all to a new school year! Third grade is an exciting year as students begin taking on more responsibility and becoming more independent learners. Throughout the year, they will experience discoveries and challenges that will help them grow, and I am here to support them every step of the way. My goal is not simply for students to memorize facts, but to discover the joy and beauty of learning. I want every child to feel comfortable asking questions, trying new things, and working through challenges. Learning means trying, asking, discovering, understanding, loving, and putting into practice what we learn. As Muslims, we know the importance of seeking knowledge, as the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) encouraged us to do.

Respect will also be an important part of our classroom community. **Every child deserves to feel valued, heard, and respected.** I will always do my best to treat every student and family with kindness, patience, and respect, and I ask that we work together to create the same environment for one another. Kindness, respect, and responsibility are just as important as academic success. In addition, another value I would like to highlight is remembering that fair does not always mean everyone receives the same thing. **Fair means giving each child what they need to be successful.** Every student learns differently and may need different supports, such as extra time, practice, encouragement, or another way to demonstrate their learning. These supports are not advantages; they ensure that every child has a fair opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

I hope that our classroom becomes a community where students feel comfortable asking for help, supporting their classmates, and celebrating each other's accomplishments. I also hope families will be an active part of this community by encouraging their children, supporting their learning, and reminding them that asking for help is always okay. When teachers, parents, and students work together, we can create an environment where every child feels supported, valued, and confident in their ability to learn and grow.

When we give each child what they need to succeed, we give every child the opportunity to see just how capable they truly are.

If you ever have questions, concerns, or simply want to share something about your child, please do not hesitate to reach out through ClassDojo or speak with me privately in person.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan! I look forward to meeting you all and being a part of your child's journey this year, insha'Allah.

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