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Dear Families and Guardians:

My name is Mr. Gonzalez, and I am excited to be your child's Third Grade Classroom Teacher! My educational background includes obtaining my Bachelors of Science degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) College of Education. Additionally, I hold a Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) certification from Penn State. I also hold a Masters of Education Reading/ Writing/ Literacy with Reading Specialist certification from the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education. I am currently studying at Saint Joseph's University for a Doctorate of Educational Leadership and Curriculum Supervision with Principal Certification. Additionally, I am a Soldier of the United States Army and serve in the National Guard component of the Army. I have taught 1st grade, 2nd grade, and I have served as a Reading Specialist in the Pennsbury School District. As your child begins with me in our third grade classroom, I am excited to use my cultural strengths to enhance your child's educational experience. As a bilingual educator fluent in both English and Spanish I am excited to teach students some Spanish that they can always refer to as a communicative tool in their lives. Please feel free to check out my online website at <https://samuelgonzalez.online/>.

Class-Wide Behavior System:

Students will be able to earn Classdojo points for participating, showing good manners, and staying engaged during our lessons. My approach to classroom management is focused on positive behavior that grants students points while negative behavior results in students not earning points and losing a volcano. Students automatically begin each day with three volcanoes. Students are told to remove volcanoes after being given a redirect regarding unexpected behaviors. Students can re-earn their volcanoes when changing their behavior throughout the day. The volcanoes become points at the end of the school day. The points are redeemed every three (3) weeks and become rewards. This system is respectful and students have shown amazing growth in their behavioral norms with this system. I treat all my students with respect and my classroom practice is approached with the social and emotional well being of students at the top of my priority list to ensure all students feel a strong sense of comfort, belonging and support.

Class Communication:

Classdojo will also be used as the main place of communication for me to communicate with

parents and families. On that platform, I will answer questions, share videos created to support you and we will be able to interact effectively as a class community. You will also receive weekly “Power-ups” which give insights to what we have learned as a class for the week. You will get the Classdojo invitation on the first day of school. My goal is to provide the best educational experience for your child while also supporting you as a facilitator in their journey as well. In the past I have created strong bonds and relationships with all my families and look forward to doing the same with you as well.

Classroom Expectations:

Our classroom will follow a very structured approach to expectations. All students will help to maintain these expectations to ensure the best educational experience for themselves and their peers. As others in the school enter our classroom, students will hear compliments about the extremely organized classroom environment we have as a result of these expectations. To view all classroom expectations, you can view [these slides](#).

Curricular Resources & Our Class Schedule:

Our classroom will use the following research based curricular resources that are aligned with the Pennsylvania state education standards and also are aligned with the balanced literacy and balanced numeracy models of the Pennsbury School District. For reading/writing/literacy we will be using the [INTO Reading](#) curriculum. For math we will be using the [enVisions](#) math curriculum. For Social Studies we will be using the [TCI](#) curriculum. For Science we will be using the [FOSS](#) science curriculum. Here is a link to our [class weekly schedule](#).

Checklist for a Strong Start to Third Grade:

The following is a checklist for families to ensure that your student is ready to fly for the start of 3rd grade.

- Ensure that your student has all items on [this supply list](#) (See 3rd grade section)
- Please complete [this transportation survey](#) to notify me of how your child will get to and from school each day.
- Please complete [this parent survey](#) to notify me of your interest in visiting our class this school year to talk to the students about your profession for a Q&A session.
- Please complete [this survey](#) to ensure that our homeroom communicators have your best email address to properly communicate with you about class events.
- First Day of School: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 (Full day of school: 8:40 AM - 3:40 PM)

I look forward to working with you as partners to ensure the educational success of your child this school year. Together we will ensure your child makes great progress this school year.

Respectfully,

Mr. Samuel Gonzalez, M.S.Ed