

Les Nouvelles de la 3eme Année!

September 9, 2009

Bonjour!

Welcome to the third grade in room 2114! I look forward to meeting and working with all of you this year.

A Bit About Your Teacher

My last name is pronounced *sha-bill-ski*. Please do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure of the pronunciation. This is my fourth year teaching 3rd grade at LNFI. I completed my undergraduate education at Macalester College in Saint Paul, then completed Master's in Teaching at the University of St. Thomas. I have taught in Dakar, Senegal, Montpellier France, and most recently in Quito, Ecuador. I love to be active. In my spare time, I am usually doing yoga, rock climbing, jogging, or cycling around the city.

Newsletters

I usually send newsletters home on Tuesdays. The routine of Tuesday newsletters will settle into place within the next couple of weeks.

I also post the newsletter in Microsoft word format on my website (click on "**Weekly Newsletters**" on the right-hand side of my class' page). If you have trouble opening MS word documents, please contact me, and I will change the format for you.

I will be more than happy to email you the newsletter instead of placing it in your child's communication folder.

Please email me if you'd like to receive it this way. Thank you in advance for taking advantage of email and saving paper!

Contacting the Teacher

I hope to establish good communication with all of you. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions or concerns. I respond to emails regularly, so that is a reliable way to get a hold of me.

Fieldtrips

3rd graders go on lots of fieldtrips! We are almost always in need of chaperones for these events. I update my website frequently with fieldtrip dates (see "Fieldtrips" on the sidebar), and will send timely reminders home via newsletters. I hope that you will be able to join us on at least one of our adventures this year!

Birthdays

Birthdays are celebrated once per month, on the last Friday of the month. For example, all September birthdays will be celebrated on Friday, September 25th.

Celebrating birthdays is certainly not required, but if you do plan on sending in something special for the class, please consider non-food treats. Stickers, pencils, pens, magnets, bubbles, bouncy balls, or other trinkets are much appreciated. In all likelihood, we will be celebrating birthdays right after lunch, so non-food treats make the

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most sense. If you must send in a food treat, please make sure it is healthy, and due to allergies in the classroom, 100% peanut-free!

Transportation

The first week of school is always the most confusing for transportation to and from school. Please remember to send a note or an email if there is any change to your child's after school routine.

Parent pick-up takes place in the gymnasium. Please *only* use the gym, and come to the back parking lot.

Lunch and Snacks

In 3rd grade, we do not offer snack time during the day. Third graders will eat lunch at 11:15 this year. Before school starts, I encourage you to talk to your child about eating enough food at lunch to last them through the entire afternoon.

Cafeteria Behavior

Good behavior and following cafeteria rules is expected. Those students who follow the rules and behave as expected will be rewarded from time to time with a blue ticket. This blue ticket will allow students to choose from a variety of prizes.

Choosing where to sit in the cafeteria is a privilege. When a student chooses NOT to follow the rules in the cafeteria, or misbehave, s/he will be given a red card. With each red card received throughout the year, the student is given an

assigned seat during lunch for at least one week.

Students in 3rd through 6th grades also have the option of going outside for the last ten minutes of lunch (for us it will be 11:35 to 11:45) provided that they have finished eating.

Specialists

This year, the specialists for third grade are:

- Mme. O'Connor for physical education,
- M. Garvey for "Eco-Geo," which will entail St. Paul history, ecology and geography,
- and Mme. Bissoy for science.

These classes will rotate daily (Mme Bissoy, Mme O'Connor, then Mr. Garvey).

Classroom Wish List

- Colored copy paper
- Stapler

Important Dates

- Sept 25 September birthday celebration
- Sept 30 Early Release

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