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THIRD GRADE SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS AND SUPPLIES

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are already looking forward to the 2009–2010 school year. We ask that your child read two books this summer: *How to Be Cool in Third Grade* by Betsy Duffey, and *The Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth* by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen. These books will help your child prepare for our study of narrative literature as well as our study of earth science. Please have your child complete the attached activities after he or she reads the books. The activities are due at the end of the first week of school.

We also need your help with supplies to start the school year. Most supplies will be shared, with the exception of the personal supplies (see below). The shared supplies will be collected at the beginning of the year and distributed as needed.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing summer! We look forward to meeting you and your child in September.

Cordially,

The Third Grade Teachers

Mrs. Johnson

Ms. Settles

Ms. Alba

PERSONAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- school bag
- 4 marble composition notebooks
- 5 pocket folders
- 1 3-pronged folder (traditional pocket folder with three middle clasps on the inside to fasten loose leaf paper and handouts)
- \$5 for *Scholastic News* subscription

SHARED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- 1 pack of crayons
- 1 pack of washable markers
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 1 pack of standard index cards
- 1 pair of scissors
- 5 packs of no. 2 pencils
- 2 packs of glue sticks
- 2 or more boxes of tissues
- 3 or more rolls of paper towels
- 1 pack of white copy paper
- 2 packs of wide-ruled loose-leaf paper

Reading

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***How to Be Cool in Third Grade* by Betsy Duffey**

● Robbie, the main character, discovered that the best way to be “cool” in third grade is not by wearing jeans or by avoiding his mom’s kisses at the bus stop. Rather, he learned to be cool by letting his best qualities (being smart, nice, and funny) shine through. Create a poster that in some way shows *your* three best qualities. Be as creative and colorful as possible! On the poster, please also write a few sentences that describe how your three best qualities will be helpful in your third grade classroom this year.

***The Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth* by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen**

● Draw and label a diagram/poster of the inside of the earth. Label the four main layers: inner core, outer core, mantle, and crust. Give a brief description of each layer on the diagram. Use color, organization, and neatness to enhance the diagram.

Math

Sharpen up your multiplication skills! Learn how to play Circles and Stars, outlined below. Practice and be ready to play this game the first week of school.

● **CIRCLES AND STARS**

Objective: practice multiplication facts and learn a strategy to find the product.

Materials and preparation: paper, pencil, 2 dice

Players: 2 or more

Instructions: Player 1 rolls the dice. The player will draw as many circles as indicated by one of the dice. The player will draw as many stars in each of the circles as indicated by the other die. For example, if player 1 rolled a 2 and a 3, he/she would draw two circles with three stars in each, or three circles with two stars in each. Under the drawing, the player will write “2 circles with 3 stars = 6 in all, $2 \times 3 = 6$. Player 2 then rolls the dice and repeats the steps outlined above. The game is finished when each player has had 10 turns.