

**Corona Norco Unified School District
Ben Franklin Elementary School**

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on your child's promotion to 3rd grade! The third-grade staff is looking forward to meeting you and your third grader in August. However, before we all scatter for our summer break, we would like to communicate with you some ways you can help your child be prepared for the fast-paced curriculum of third grade. First and foremost, keep your child reading during the vacation! Visit the public library to check out materials and have your child participate in their summer reading programs. Second, look for ways to have your child use math in real life. Have your child measure ingredients for baking. Have your child figure out the total cost of purchases and the change due. Practice figuring out how much time has passed, and so on. A big emphasis in third grade math is word problems where computational math is applied to real life situations. With your support and creativity, your child will see the connection between textbook learning and real-life experiences and be more enthusiastic than ever to continue the learning process. Lastly, multiplication is a timeline that your child will have to master by February 1st. They will need to have memorized facts 0-12 at 95% accuracy in ten minutes or less. It would be a good idea to start going over flashcards to get ahead start on knowing these.

In addition, the state test requires the students to have word processing skills to complete the answers. Therefore, the third-grade team recommends practicing typing skills over the summer using the free website: typingwebtutor.com or kidztype.com.

We are often asked by parents how they can help with supplies in the classroom. Thus, we would welcome contributions of the following items:

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| *copy paper | *glue sticks/glue bottles |
| *#2 pencils | *dry erase markers |
| *highlighters | *facial tissue |
| *hand soap | *Clorox wipes |
| *markers | *white glue |
| *pencil top erasers | *colored pencils |

Look for Back to School bargains during the summer months. As your children's teachers, we will be doing the same. It is our goal to keep our programs and students thriving.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs. Escamilla, Mrs. Gereau, Mrs. Maki, Ms. Schwieger, and Mrs. Z.Z. (: