

Welcome to Mrs. Pinski's Third Grade Class

The children in room 10 are making a smooth transition to third grade this year. We have 18 students in our class this year and Mrs. Coer and Mrs. Walsh are my instructional aides so you will hear their names mentioned frequently at home too.

COMMUNICATION

I want your child to have the best third grade experience they can and I know you want the same, so we will be partners in your child's educational experience over the next academic year. As such, please don't hesitate to contact me if the need arises at any point in the year. You can do this with a note via 'backpack express' and you can email me at pinksic@madison.k12.ct.us. I check my email throughout the day. Some of you emailed me with information about your child already. It's not too late if you'd still like to do that.

ORGANIZATION

- Please label all of your child's belongings. Children often have the same lunchbox or backpack.
- Each child needs to bring a backpack to school every day. I encourage you to use a two-pocket folder to transport notices, etc.

SNACKS AND LUNCH

- Each child needs a nutritional snack each day. Please pack a drink and one food item. It is helpful if you put the snack in a lunchbox or labeled bag. To expedite snack your child

- puts their snack on the shelf in the closet when they come in each morning. Small items tend to fall into other people's backpacks. We eat snack in the mornings at 10:30am
- Third graders eat lunch from 12:00 -12:30 pm. This is followed by recess. Your child needs to bring a packed lunch or they can buy school lunch. The menu is available on the MPS website. Please make sure that your child knows whether they are buying lunch each day.

BIRTHDAYS

- Please refer to the Ryerson Handbook for information regarding birthdays and our managed food policy.

VOLUNTEERS

- There will be opportunities to help out during the school year and I will talk more about this at Back to School Night.

HOMEWORK

- This will start once the children have adjusted to all day school. There will be homework every night and your child will record their assignment in their homework planner that was generously purchased by the PTO. A parent needs to initial that homework was completed each evening.

REMINDERS

One of the most helpful things that you can do before your send your child to school each day is to make sure that they know what to do at dismissal time. Some children have a schedule that varies and do not know where they are supposed to go at the end of the day. If your child is a pick-up I need a note from you to confirm this.

SPECIALS

Please find the specials schedule attached. It's on a separate piece of paper so that you can put it somewhere to help your first grader remember what their special is for each day and send them prepared for it. (In my house it goes on the fridge door!)

I look forward to working with both you and your third grader; I know we're going to have a great year! I hope to see you at our back to school night on September 12th from 7:30-8:15 pm.

Mrs. Pinski's Specials Schedule 2012 -
2013

Monday: P.E. with Mrs. Daub
Library

Tuesday: Art with Mrs. Smith

Wednesday: Music with Mrs. Soderberg

Thursday: World Language with Ms. Kelly

Friday: P.E. with Mrs. Daub

Your child needs to wear sneakers for P.E. and library books are due back on Mondays.