

Third Grade

OPEN  
HOUSE  
2021



Get to know

YOUR

TEACHERS





# MRS. BROWN

- Attended SMES as a child
- Married and have two college kids (Peyton and Kylee)
- In my 14<sup>th</sup> year of teaching (12 years in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- Teaching is my second career
- Enjoy listening to live music.
- Can't wait to see these third graders shine!!!



# MRS. EDWARDS



## Mrs. Ashlee Edwards

### A Little Bit About Me

You may also know me as Ms. Litz, however, I recently got married in May and am now Mrs. Edwards. My husband and I are also expecting our first little bundle of joy, Cooper Lee Edwards, this November and we are so excited! We have a dog, Tabitha, and a cat, Mushu, who we love to pieces.

When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with family, traveling, going to amusement parks, concerts and sporting events.

### Educational Background

This year marks my ninth year in education! I started my teaching career in fourth grade. I have since spent the last seven years teaching third grade. I have had the privilege of being a Sanders Stallion since our school reopened in 2015.

I received my bachelors degree in Elementary Education k-6 from Saint Leo University in 2013. My passion for learning is ongoing and I plan to continue my education within the next few years.

### My Favorites

**Color:** Purple & Turquoise

**Sports Teams:** Rays & Lightning

**Music:** Country & Christian



# MR. HOLTRY

- Originally from Pennsylvania (go Philly sports teams!)
- Masters Degree from U.S.F.
- Teaching for 16 years
- Hobbies include drinking coffee, making/ eating vegan food, and running
- Loves spending time with his wife Jennifer and two kids Zora and Kieran
- Looking forward to getting to know this year's third graders



# MRS. JUNGFERMAN

- ❖ Megan Jungferman
- ❖ I am originally from Missouri
- ❖ I went to U.S.F. (Go Bulls)
- ❖ This is my 10th year teaching
- ❖ 6 months ago I had a baby boy named Landon
- ❖ I love hanging out with my family, crafting, and going out to eat
- ❖ I am excited for an amazing school year with your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader!



# MRS. SMITH

## All About Mrs. Smith

- I've been teaching for over 20 years.
- I am originally from New York.
- I have 4 children and several grandchildren.
- So excited to be back teaching 3rd grade.
- Love to cook, reading, workout, and spend time with family.



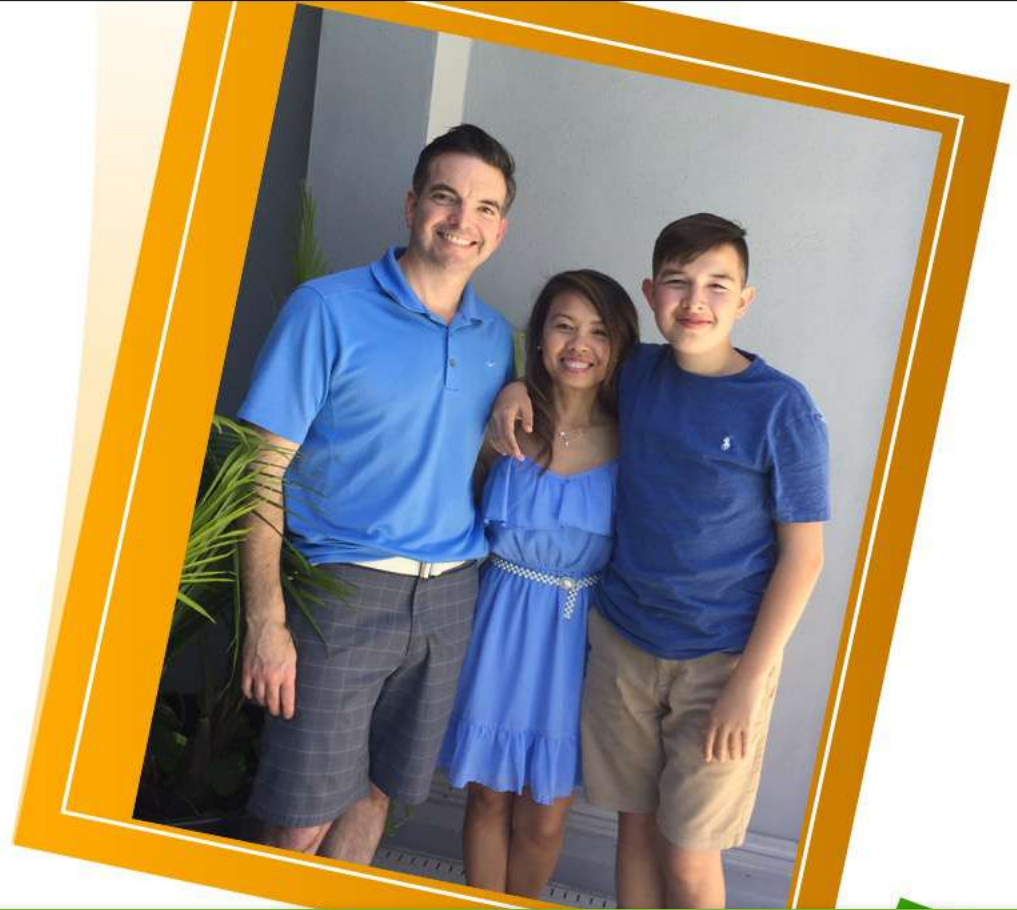


# MRS. TIDWELL

## About Me

### Mont Tidwell

- Mont Tidwell
- B.S. from Georgia State University
- M.A from Piedmont University
- Teaching for 20 years
- I look forward to providing an educational environment where your child will have the opportunity to fulfill his/her potential for intellectual and emotional growth.





# MRS. WHITAKER

- Mitzi Whitaker
- Went to Georgia Southern University
- Teaching for 25 years
- I am married. I have two daughters, one son, one son-in-law and three adorable grand daughters😊
- I love to read, walk and go to the beach with my family.



# TAKE HOME FOLDER

This folder will contain the following:

- Items to be sent home
- Items to be returned to school
- Password Sheets
- Please be sure to check folder's daily



# HOMework

- Each child should read nightly for 30 minutes. To support your child:
  - Ask questions about what they read
  - Refer to the yellow sheet that is sent home
- Optional Math Practice Pages (book can remain at home) Your child's teacher will send a Dojo message if this practice would benefit your child
- Occasionally reading passages with questions will be sent home for practice as well

# **FLEXIBLE GROUPING / TEAMWORK**

- Students in third grade will have the opportunity to learn from all seven teachers plus additional support
- This allows us to better meet the needs of all students
- This is pending CDC Guidelines



# INDEPENDENT READING TIME

- We are in the process of leveling students
- We are collecting data from MAPS, DIBELS, LexiaCore and our new HMH Reading Series
- We are no longer using the IRLA color leveling system (in the past, white level was considered on level for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade focuses on building vocabulary, using context clues, & building comprehension skills
- Your child will be conferenced with regularly

# SUCCESS IN 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

- Third grade focuses on reading to learn rather than learning to read
- Time on task and becoming an independent learner are both crucial to success in third grade



# EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

- Students should follow classroom routines
- Most activities will be completed independently
- Activity lists will need to be completed on time (usually every two weeks)

# FOCUSING IN CLASS

- Practicing independence
- No toys allowed in third grade
- No “free time” on devices
- Prioritize based on what you need on the rubric
- Activity list includes:
  - Learn activities
  - Practice activities
  - Show What You Know activities (graded)



# CLASS DOJO

- Class Dojo is a simple classroom management app that helps teachers easily communicate with parents
- Dismissal changes can not come through Class Dojo...only the front office by 2:15
- No points will be awarded on Dojo this year

# RON CLARK APP— NEW POINTS SYSTEM

## UPDATE ON THE RCA APP!



Hello to all Stallions!



We have an important update on connecting with the RCA app. Instead of receiving an e-mail link directly from the Ron Clark Academy, in the next few weeks you will be receiving information from your student's teacher with a school code and an individual student code, along with instructions on signing up.

We appreciate your support with this new app!



# GRADES

## **A-Excellent**

This grade recognizes excellent achievement based upon your child's ability to apply critical thinking, problem solving or innovative thinking that goes above and beyond teacher's expectations for successful performance.

## **B- Above Expectation**

Your child has demonstrated performance that is above expectations on concepts and skills addressed during this reporting period. Your child has successfully learned concepts and skills and is able to apply them in a variety of settings.

## **C-Adequate Progress**

**Your child has successfully learned concepts and skills emphasized or addressed during this reporting period and is continuing to perform at the expected level.**

## **D- Below Expectation**

Your child is still learning concepts and skills emphasized or addressed during this reporting period. Your child is progressing, but needs assistance to complete the tasks at the expected level.

## **U- Well Below Expectation**

Your child has made little or no progress in learning concepts and skills emphasized or addressed during this reporting period. Extra assistance is needed to perform assigned tasks. Your child is working well below expectation.

# GRADING

- Math Exit Tickets will be graded on a 3-point scale
  - 3 – Practitioner level (Got it: completed independently and correctly)
  - 2 – Apprentice level (Almost Got It: made minor errors)
  - 1 – Novice level (Not Yet: still needs additional support)



# F.S.A.

- In grade 3, students must pass the reading portion of the Florida Standards Assessment in order to be promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Students will most likely be tested paper/pencil for both Reading and Math
- Practice opportunities will be sent home closer to the testing dates
- Dates: TBA

# CONFERENCE NIGHTS

- Sign up tonight for a 20 minute conference time

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
3:30-6:00

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
3:30-6:00

-A sign up form will be sent out from your  
child's teacher

-These will both be AFTER the first progress report



# COMMUNICATION

• A 'Third Grade Update' email will be sent out every week. This will be the main source of information for what is going on in third grade. This could include:

- Important dates
- Topics being taught in class
- Reminders about team / school events

• Per school policy, teachers will respond within 24 hours of communication.

• Please refrain from contacting your teacher via Dojo outside of these hours: Monday-Friday: 7:00-8:20am and 2:50-5:00pm

For any additional information, please visit the school website. <http://smes.pasco.k12.fl.us>



# THANK YOU!

We are looking forward to a great year working together with you and your child(ren) to help them be successful in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!

