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Hello Third Graders and Families!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer vacation. In the beginning of the summer, I traveled to Italy. I visited many beautiful places and learned about their culture. I also spent time in New York City doing a lot of fun things. I always end my summer in Cape May, combing the beach for treasures and reading some great books. I hope you were able to do some reading on your vacation, too. I look forward to hearing about all of your summer experiences when we meet in September.

Just think...in a few short weeks you are going to be a third grader! As you learn new skills and participate in special projects, you will find out just how exciting it is to be in third grade. Listed below are a few supplies that I encourage you to bring the first week of school.

1. Art Smock – Please put your name on it.
2. Pencils – Make sure to have 3 sharpened pencils at all times.
3. Pen or Colored Pencil – We will be using this to correct some of our papers.
4. Ear Buds – We will be using these for quiet working time on our Chromebooks. (Please bring them in a plastic bag with your name written on the outside.)
5. Box of Ziploc Baggies (Gallon or Snack Size, please) – Many times we need these for our math materials.
6. Sweatshirt/Sweater – At times it can get chilly in our room.
7. Tissues – The winter months seem to bring lots of sniffles.

I will provide you with a homework folder and a folder for each subject to organize your materials. I also have journals that we will use for different subject areas. Please be sure to put your name on any materials that you bring to school to avoid confusion of ownership.

I can't wait to meet you at 8:50 AM on September 4<sup>th</sup> in room #94, and I look forward to learning about all of the things that make you special. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Mortimer