

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 3rd grade! I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer, and you are ready for the start of a new school year. In this letter you will find general information on the 3rd grade curriculum and detailed information on homework expectations.

Introduction

My name is Kate Curran, and this will be my 17th year teaching at All Saints Catholic Academy. I am from the great midwestern state of Indiana and spent most of my twenties moving around the U.S. and volunteering for the U.S. Government through AmeriCorps NCCC. My bachelor's degree is from DePauw University with a major in American History with minors in English and Religious Studies. I received my certification through the Elementary Education Master's program at Johnson State College.

Weekly Communication/ Newsletter

I'll send a weekly email at the start of each week with homework, notes and reminders for the upcoming week. It is brief!

Supplies

The school provides most of the school supplies that your child will need. If your child brings in his or her own crayons or markers, etc. please just label them. Below is a short list of the items your child should bring on the first day of school:

- Durable two-pocket folder for homework and papers that should come home
(no binders)
- 1 box of tissues and 1 container of disinfecting wipes

Homework

Your child will have homework Monday through Thursday unless otherwise posted. Homework is extremely important as it allows you to be involved in your child's learning, and it reinforces the lessons from the day. There will be two assignments each night-one from math which is similar to the 2nd grade math program, and the other will be Language Arts based(phonics, spelling, reading comprehension, grammar or word study).

It is imperative that you support your child with making sure homework is completed and returned the following day. Homework that does not get turned in will affect the grade.

Students are also expected to complete four book projects throughout the year-one about every two months. A detailed packet with this information and due dates will be sent home the first week of school. **All book project work will be conducted at home.**

Email

I check email before each school day, during the school day, and after school. During the school day please also include Mrs. Darling (ldarling@allsaintsvt.org) if it is regarding pickup as I do not often reply to emails during the school day. If you are reaching out regarding issues in the classroom,

please email me to set up a time to meet with me in person to address concerns. I am available to meet briefly most days before or after school.

Handbook

Please review the school's handbook. It contains a great deal of information about the school policies on discipline, uniforms, and other expectations.

Closing

Please contact me if you have any questions about any of the provided information. I am really looking forward to the upcoming school year. I know it will be another fantastic year.

Fondly,

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