

August 30, 2017

Dear Third Grade Families,

My name is Mrs. Gonzalez and I will be your child's third grade teacher. This year marks my tenth year as a teacher for San Diego Catholic Schools, and my sixth year teaching Third grade.

Some major focuses in third grade include mastery of multiplication facts from 1-12, reading comprehension/analysis and elements of writing. These topics will be discussed daily. I encourage families to utilize multiplication flashcards and IXL Math as repetition is the key to learning the basic facts. Sharing books or any form of literature is a true gift to your child and you can do this by reading aloud to your child and/or having your child read to you. Include questioning and discussion as you read. These behaviors will foster reading comprehension and analysis. When you share reading with your child, he/she learns how to use language and is exposed to different writing applications which may make the writing process easier for children to master.

You child will be challenged this year with all that third grade demands. It is going to take cooperation and communication between all parties. Please do not hesitate to come to me with questions or suggestions. I am opened to discuss any aspect of third grade business. Student learning and well-being is my number one priority as a teacher and I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with parents.

Grades will be available for you to view online via the website <https://secure.gradelink.com/gradelink> . Grades will be updated weekly and will reflect class work, tests, homework and projects. Points will be given for effort, participation, neatness and accuracy. Grades will be determined by students' abilities to apply these factors to all work. There will be frequent chances to earn extra credit. Our school secretary will be providing families the information needed to create/access your [gradelink.com](https://secure.gradelink.com/gradelink) account.

I will communicate with families on a regular basis via email. If you are not currently receiving my messages, please write me a quick note that includes your contact email address. My school email is 3rdgradestcolumba@gmail.com. You can also reach me at the school between the hours of 7:30-3:15. Our school office phone is (858)277-3863.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gonzalez