

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 3rd grade! I am so excited to have your child in our class! This is a year of making important transitions and gaining new skills. Third grade is an exciting time as children experience a shift in learning -

They become more independent and gain more responsibility. Through all these important -esteem and make sure he/she maintains a love for learning and a life-long love of reading!

individualized journey; we all develop at our own rate. Because of this, the following elements are fundamental to our classroom, and I hope you will promote them at home as well:

Celebrate all successes, no matter how big or small.

Understand that failure is an important step in the journey to success. If we fear

Empathy and support for others are necessary for building trust and self-esteem. Our classroom is intended to be a safe and supportive community.

Second chances and problem-solving are critical.

Creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication are key components to our growth.

child is enthusiastic about coming to school each and every day, ready to take on the to working closely with you to make that happen!

ELA HOMEWORK

The main ELA homework requirement is that your child read his/her chapter book each night for at least 15 minutes and NOT complete a reading log. I do not require students to complete a reading log for two reasons:

- 1) Logs turn reading into a required school activity, not something to be enjoyed.**
- 2) vibes!**

However, I do encourage students to jot down significant thoughts and feelings they have about their reading to share with me during our weekly 1:1 meeting. Sticky notes or index cards work well (and also

will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Johnson

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ESOL, reading

is learning from other

teachers every single day, in person and online.

My husband, Dirk, and I moved to Punta Gorda from Grand Rapids, Michigan, 7 years ago with our dog, Jersey. I'm originally from Racine, Wisconsin, which makes me an unapologetic Green Bay Packers fan! I miss my friends and family like mad, but I absolutely love the weather here! I had enough of cold and snow.

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popcorn, steak, lobster, cheese, coffee, Reese's Peanut Butter cups & Cheetos, raspberries & strawberries

reading (of course);

hanging out at the pool; going out for dinner; exercising (but not excessively!)

kinds of music, except opera.

