Dear Families,

 I am so grateful for the opportunity to have your child in my class this year. I am looking forward to all of the fun, challenges, and learning that will take place!

 Third grade is a big transition from the primary grades. The level of work and expectation can become much more challenging than what they experienced in previous grades. We will spend a lot of time working on developing strong work habits, organizational skills, and increasing student responsibility. I know if we all work TOGETHER that this will be a positive experience!

 Every year, I see the kids in my class thrive on consistency and high expectations. I will do my very best to help make this year as calm, engaging, and productive as possible. As we go through the school year, I ask you to help keep the following in mind:

\*Please allow me to set high expectations and motivate your child to meet those expectations. Your child is capable of great things!

\*As third graders, I will encourage them to take responsibility for their actions. This is such an important skill to learn!

\*In our class, we learn that every choice has a consequence which can be positive or negative. We repeatedly discuss how they are the only one who makes the final decision on what choices they make.

\*In order for this year to be successful, they will need to meet me halfway and do their best to pay attention and do their best work!

 As a parent, you can help your child lessen the increased stress of performing well at school by offering lots of encouragement. Praise the effort they put into learning a new concept, memorizing facts, or spending extra time to do an assignment well. If your child faces difficulties, or even failure, help them see that these moments are all part of the learning process.

 Please know I am here for your kids. I am dedicating this year to nurturing, supporting, loving, and guiding them. I love teaching and promise to do all I can to help your child grow as much as possible as a third grader! Thank you for working alongside me to give your child the best school experience!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Steinmann