

Dear Parents and Students:

We want to welcome you to third grade at Garden Road. It may seem early to be getting a letter about the start of a new school year, but we'll be busy this summer preparing for an exciting 2009-2010 and we know that you'll also want to start preparing.

We would appreciate your help to provide all the materials that your child will need for a successful year. We know that many students enjoy having their own materials and parents may want to take advantage of the bargains and sales which occur prior to the start of school. To help do that we've prepared the following list of suggested materials you might want and we believe will be useful in third grade. Your child's teacher will send home a personalized class list later.

3 boxes of Kleenex

3 boxes of #2 **TICONDEROGA** pencils, only

Clorox or sanitizing wipes

2 reams of wide-rule 3-hole paper

Small glue sticks, no liquid glue

NO pencil boxes

NO markers

NO Trapper Keepers or zipper binders

A small box of Crayola crayons (no more than 24 crayons)

Colored pencils

Hand-held pencil sharpener (no batteries) with a cover

**SOME OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED AND USED AS A CLASS**

In addition to these needed classroom supplies, please set up a quiet homework space for your child with similar supplies and also the following materials:

A ruler with centimeters and inches

A dictionary and Thesaurus.

Please think carefully about the clothing you may buy for your child's school wardrobe. Garden Road's dress code does not allow clothing that is distracting or unsafe for school activities. We do not allow tops which show midriff or bare backs, pants which sag excessively, or shoes which prevent students from participating in active play. All sandals must have back straps and shoes with heels are unsafe for PE. We want you to dress comfortably and safely.

Enjoy your summer and come back prepared for a challenging and enjoyable year. We look forward to seeing you for the start of school.

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Teachers