

Dear Boys and Girls,

Welcome to third grade! I am Mrs. Dragotta and I am so excited to be your third grade teacher this year! I have so many fun activities planned and not just for the first day of school -- but for the whole year!

I have been teaching third grade for 12 years and have two daughters, Catherine (12) and Caroline (10). This summer has been a fantastic one and I can think of many highlights from the past few months. One that stands out includes getting a puppy from a rescue organization. Her name is Dixie, she is a lab mix, and she is so much fun!



Now that the summer is almost over, a new school year is approaching and I look forward to meeting you all soon. I hope you are as excited about third grade as I am! We are going to learn lots of new and interesting things. It's natural to be nervous, but I will be here to help.



If you didn't order your school supplies, there is a list under the PTO section of the Royle website. You will notice that the grade level supplies list is fairly specific. We identified these specific items because of their quality. Also, when each student's school supplies are consistent, it contributes to the organization of the classroom. In addition to this grade level list, there are some additional materials we would like you to also bring on the first day of school:



- A smock for art with your name on the collar
- A healthy snack and drink.
- A just right book to read in class.
- Any work you did over the summer that you would like to share.

Finally, third graders will also be buying homework planners. The planners will be available at school. Last year, the cost was \$8.00 each. If that cost changed, I'll let you know the first week of school.

Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation, enjoy the beautiful weather, and have fun! If you would like to check out the third grade blog, go onto the Royle homepage, teacher websites, and find my name! I'll see everyone soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dragotta