

A Few Words . . .

Welcome to third grade! We can all look forward to many exciting and rewarding experiences as the year progresses. By working together, we can make this a very successful year. You and I are striving for the same goal - the best possible education for your child. In order to do this, good communication among parents, students, and teachers is essential. I believe that good communication is directly related to student success.

For those of you who don't know me, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about myself. I grew up here in Nashville, and attended parochial schools K - 12. I graduated from Father Ryan High School, then went on to Auburn University where I graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education along with a minor in Mathematics. I have been teaching 3rd grade at Christ the King School since 2000. I was selected by my colleagues as "Teacher of the Year" in 2004.

Students in the third grade learn many new concepts such as multiplication and division, as well as beginning to write in cursive. My goal as a teacher is to not only teach the material, but to make it as fun and interesting as possible. With this in mind, I utilize many different teaching methods throughout the year to meet students' needs, learning styles, and interests. For me as a teacher, there is no greater joy than a student who is having fun and is actively engaged, but not realizing that they are doing work and learning at the same time. I believe if children can see that learning new things can be fun, then they will be more eager to keep on learning.

This is a transitional year for your child as they begin to take control of their own learning. It is important for them to feel that they are responsible for their own work and success in school. With this in mind, I ask for your help in emphasizing the establishment of life-long learning skills and attitudes. If you have any questions or concerns, or need to reach me anytime during the year, please feel free to call me at the school or send in a note. I believe this will be a fantastic year if we all work together.