Dear Parents: 8-23-17

 Welcome to third grade!! We are looking forward to working with you and your child to make this year a great experience. Please read over this disclosure with your child and remember to have your child return the signature form.

The following is a summary of classroom expectations and important websites for you to use throughout the year:

**Attendance:** Attendance is extremely important!!! School begins with a bell at 8:10 and a tardy bell at 8:15. We begin our day as soon as the tardy bell rings so **PLEASE** help your child be on time. Our dismissal time is at 2:55 p.m. and on Fridays at 12:40 p.m.

**Gradebook:** Please create a parent/student account on the Granite School District Gradebook System. We have attached a form with step by step instructions for you to follow. ALL of your student’s assignments, scores, and missing work can be found on this page. There is also a link for you to follow on the school website (look under the “more” tab) and also the Granite School District web page.

**Folders:** Your child’s (RED) Folder will be our main source of communication. This Folder has front and back pages that are helpful tools for students to record information and events during the day. This is to be taken home and brought back to school on a **daily basis**. Please remember to check and sign your child’s folder pages for reading and math facts each day, it is part of their grade for each content area. This will be our main form of communication and help to keep you informed on upcoming events and special assignments due. Please feel free to use it to send notes, concerns, or questions!!

**Reading Homework:** We cannot stress how important reading at home is to your child’s reading development. We recommend that your child read a minimum of 20 minutes each night. **Please record your child’s reading minutes on their folder page for each day they read.** We will send numerous reminders home (via folders) to help with this activity. Weekly poems are sent home on Mondays and due (memorized) the last day of the school week. As well, monthly book reports will be sent home at the beginning of each month.

**Math Homework:**  Granite District recommends at least 10 minutes of math homework each night. Your child will have daily math practice pages from the Go Math program. If your child does not complete the work in class, it will be homework. Please help them complete the assignment and return it the next day. We will be correcting the practice page assignments in class, so please encourage your child to think for themselves and use pictures and/or drawings to help them solve math problems. Please get into the habit of looking at your child’s daily work, as this validates their hard work and encourages them to do their best. Also keep in mind that your child will need to practice their math facts daily. This can be for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We would suggest using flash cards, computer games or quizzing your child. Please record the minutes practiced in folder; this is part of their math grade. We will have a Weekly Review Quiz on the last day of the school week. Please find the attached page to help you log on to Think Central. This will give a you a copy of math practice pages and a lesson overview.

**Spelling Homework:** Each Monday a spelling list and vocabulary words are sent home. During the week, various activities will be planned around these lists to be practiced in class; we would also encourage you to practice with your child at home. Our tests are taken on the last day of the school week.

**Birthday Celebrations:** Birthday treats are not required but if you choose to have your child bring something to share, please know that EVERYTHING has to be individually packaged and store bought. Please do not send sheet cakes and/or cupcakes. We have many food allergies in our classrooms so nonfood items (pencils, erasers, classroom book donations, etc.) are a wonderful way to celebrate birthdays. **Celebrations will take place during the lunch break.**

**Personal Belongings /Money:**  Please do not allow your child to bring toys, gum, or candy to school. These items are a distraction in class and will be taken away from the students. Cell phones and other devices should also be left at home. If brought to school they will be stowed in your child’s locker and can be a risk for theft. We are not responsible for phones or other devices.

When sending money for any reason, please send it in an envelope with your child’s name, room number, and teacher’s name on the front of the envelope. Students are to take any money, including lunch money, to the drop box located by the front office.

**Classroom Supplies/Donations:** A supply list was available at registration for items for classroom use. Other items our classrooms are in need of are:

\*Dry Erase Markers \*1-2 reams of copy paper \*1 box of tissues

 \*1 box of Clorox Wipes \*Field Trip/Class Funds Donation $15

If possible please send these items to be shared with our classroom.

We would like to make your child’s Third Grade experience the best ever!! If your child comes home with a concern(s) or you need to reach your teacher for any reason, please feel free to contact them. Woodstock’s phone number is 385-646-5108, email: lhannah@graniteschools.org, kdavies1@grantieschools.org or saoki@graniteschools.org or just drop a note in your child’s folder. We are truly excited for your child to succeed in Third Grade. We are all in this together!!

Thanks for your help!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hannah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Davies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Aoki \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and return the bottom form:

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I have read the attached disclosure form and understand the expectations of Woodstock’s Third Grade Classroom.

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**Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**