Sutton Elementary School

Dear New Third Grade Families:

Relax, enjoy and have a great summer! Get ready for an exciting year in third grade. Your child will be studying many new and interesting things in school next year.

- This year we are excited to be implementing our new reading/ language arts curriculum called Arts & Letters. This curriculum offers rich literature, morphology instruction, and grammar exercises as well as differentiated instruction.
- We base our math curriculum on the Investigations Math series. We will be doing an in-depth study of multiplication, division and fractions. Mastery of addition and subtraction facts to 18 is mandatory coming into third grade. Lack of mastery of basic facts significantly impacts performance in mathematics.
- STMath will continue to be used to supplement math instruction.
- We will also continue using our writing framework SRSD that students have used for the past two years in first and second grade. The major writing units are Opinion and Informational Writing, possibly also incorporating a Narrative writing unit..
- In Social Studies, we will touch on Native Americans from the Northeast, local history, Massachusetts and New England and Early Colonial Times up to the American Revolution.
- Our Science curriculum includes weather, life cycles,animal adaptations,fossils, and magnets.

Up to thirty minutes of homework may be assigned nightly. Homework is a combination of daily written work along with 2 long term project based assignments. Independent reading, writing, and studying math facts at home are also expected at the third grade level. We strongly encourage you to have a student dictionary at home. The importance of reading to your child cannot be stressed enough. It is easy to forget this; however reading to your children helps them become independent readers themselves. Read-alouds expose your children to a wider variety of literature as well as increase their own fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension of the printed word.

Third grade students will need the following supplies the first week of school. Please check with your child throughout the year to see if any supplies need to be replenished.

- **Ruler (customary & metric)**
- **<u>Small</u>* pencil box (that fits in desk)**
- **Set of colored pencils**
- **Box of pencil top erasers for classroom use**
- **Markers (box of 8)**
- **Scissors (children's)**
- **2 boxes of tissues**
- **Crayons (16 or 24)**
- **Homework folder (3 hole punched)**
- **2 Composition notebooks (100 pages)**
- **Pocket folders – red, green, yellow, blue, orange**
- **White board (8 ½ x 11)**
- **(1 pack) White board low-odor Expo marker and eraser (no cleaner, please)**
- **1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes**
- **1- one inch three ring clearview binder**
- **Glue stick - 4 packages (2 for classroom and 2 for personal use)**

Due to limited space, please do not bring large ring binders (such as Trapper Keepers) to school. Coats and backpacks must fit inside an individual's locker space (small backpacks please, no backpacks on wheels). Locker size is 10 ½" deep, 8 ½" wide, and 49" high, with a 9" shelf at the top. ***All supplies must fit into a small pencil box to be placed inside your child's desk.** Please send a snack for your child, as students do have a scheduled snack time during the day.

The Physical Education Department would like you to please remember that good support sneakers are necessary for physical education class. Fashion sneakers that have platforms, zip-ups, sling backs, or slip-ons are not appropriate for safe physical activity. See you in third grade!

The Third Grade Teachers