

# The Third Grade Times

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Open House  
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## Welcome to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade!

Mr. Hearit, Mrs. Lievense, Mrs. Dykstra, and Mrs. Charon are so happy that we get to work with your family this year! Look for newsletters like this to come home around the first of each month. If there are other reminders or important information, we will also be sending home email updates.

### Communication

Please feel free to contact either of us at any time. You are an important partner in your child's education. The best way to contact us is via e-mail (above in the heading). We usually check our e-mails at the beginning and at the end of the day. You may also call and leave a voice mail by calling through the office. *Please call the office (748-4700) if you need to pick your child up and did not send a note. We may not get the message from a voice mail or e-mail in time.*

\*Please note that we typically do not read emails after 6:00 p.m. as we are spending time with our family. We will be sure to get to any emails as soon as we can the next morning.

\*If you have any questions pertaining to curriculum please contact the teacher who teaches those subjects (Mr. Hearit/Mrs. Charon - math, science, social studies - Mrs. Lievense/ Mrs. Dykstra -reading, writing, spelling)

### Attendance

A phone call should be made to the school office on days when your child will not be attending school. The attendance line is 748-4710. If your child is tardy, it is essential that you stop in the office and sign your child in. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please let one of us know in writing.

### Arrival Times

Children should be arriving at the classroom at 8:35. Class begins promptly at 8:40. It is important that your child come to the classroom right away and quickly put their belongings away. Whether your child rides the bus or gets dropped off, he/she will head to the upper el. playground to wait for the bell before heading to class.

### Parent Opportunities

We value parental involvement in school and parents will have several opportunities to help out. There will be opportunities to volunteer with classroom parties, attend field trips, and assist with occasional projects. Parents can get involved by sending in donations needed for the classroom and special snacks for testing. In order to volunteer at school you will need to fill out a bridge form online. Please see the sheet for more information as to how to sign up. Please note that **ALL VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS** (even lunch visitors) need to register online. If you plan on coming to school at all this year please register as soon as possible. If you registered last year, you will need to register again. Any visitor to Quincy must stop in the office. Visitors who are not registered will not be allowed entrance into the building. Therefore, it is very important if you plan on coming into school at all you will need to register online!

### Take-Home Folders

The children will have a folder, separate from the Homework Folder, that will go back and forth each day from home to school. Feel free to send pick up notes, lunch money, or anything else in this folder. Corrected papers and notes from the office will come home each Monday. We hope you encourage your child to be responsible for remembering this.

### Supplies and Donations

Occasionally during the year needs will arise and we may ask for donations from you. Currently we are in need of Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and ziplock bags (both gallon and sandwich size). Other donations that would be welcome are band-aids, whiteboard fine tip markers, pencils, and loose leaf lined paper (wide rule) to share. If you are willing to donate any of these items for our classroom, please send them in with your child. Thank you to those of you who have already sent things in!!

Lastly, if you are in the building or we see you in the community, please reintroduce yourselves! On Open House evening, we are so focused on the kids and it is so busy, that we might not recognize parent faces just yet!!! :) We are excited to begin this school year. We look forward to meeting each child and family. It should be an exciting year at Quincy and we are looking forward to getting to know all our third graders!

## Upcoming Dates

Aug. 29 - Open House 4:30-6:00 Sept. 4 - First Day of School! Sept. 14 - Spirit Day (Pirate Day) Sept. 21 - ½ Day for Students