

# The Word From Third

Monday, August 26 to Friday, August 30

I'll create an email group for newsletters as soon as I receive all the email preference sheets. If you'd prefer to look at a PDF on your device (I know the photos are better), I do post them on our class webpage. Here is the link:

<http://www.cusd200.org/Page/6707>

## Forgotten Items in Third Grade

The third grade team is asking for your cooperation. We would ask that students are not to return to classrooms after the school day has ended to pick up forgotten books, folders, assignments, and so on.

There are three reasons for this request. The first issue is the safety of our children when in unsupervised areas. Secondly, classrooms are the "offices" of teachers and students. We need to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of each teacher and child, just as a doctors' office must maintain the privacy and confidentiality of each doctor and patient. Lastly, we want our students to develop personal responsibility for gathering and organizing the materials they need to take home at the end of the school day. As I discussed at Curriculum Night, this is one of the ways your child grows in his/her third grade year. That little bit of "uncomfortable" that your child may feel about forgetting something is what will help him/her to alter his/her behavior so it doesn't happen again. And I promise there are no severe consequences for forgetting because I want students to learn how to recover from their mistakes.

For all of these reasons, we are asking that you do not return to school or to the third grade classrooms to retrieve forgotten items. I truly believe it is best for the children and thank you in advance for your support in this endeavor.

# Celebrating Birthdays

Next week we will celebrate our first 3E birthdays! I thought it would be a good time to let you know how we celebrate birthdays in 3E and at Whittier School.

Each student is made to feel special on his or her special day. Dr. Schafermeyer gives the gift of a birthday book. In our room, the class sings "Happy Birthday" at the start of the day, the student receives a birthday pencil and sticker, and gets to be first during all transitions. All of these things make for a special day for each child!

If your child has a June, July, or August birthday, he or she will have an "unbirthday" in our room sometime in the spring. If you or your child has another date in mind, just let me know.

Please **do not** send in any form of birthday treat – food or goodie bags or anything else. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Since we're discussing birthdays, I'd also like to remind you of the school district policy (mentioned in the student handbook). "Invitations for birthday and other parties may not be distributed at school. Please mail or deliver them directly to each guest's home. This prevents hurt feelings of the children not invited."

### CURRICULUM NIGHT FOLLOW-UP

PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM THE CURRICULUM NIGHT FOLDER. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD COMPLETE EVERYTHING BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

- SURVEY ABOUT YOUR CHILD
- EMAIL PREFERENCE
- CONTACT INFORMATION
- CONFIDENTIALITY FORM

IF YOU HAVE ANY REMAINING OR NEW QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME.

# MEET THE READERS



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