

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Third Grade! My name is Ms. Bedell and I will be your third grade teacher. This will be my eighth year teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and my 10<sup>th</sup> year at Blakely.

Third grade is an exciting year. You can look forward to learning about rocks & minerals, the skeletal system, North American cultures and history, geography and more. You'll read myths, legends, biographies, mysteries and fantasies. You'll write poetry, creative stories, field guides and research reports. Of course, you'll learn many new skills in math too including multiplication and division!

This summer I have spent a lot of time planning many fun and interesting learning experiences for you. While I am busy getting the classroom ready, here are a few things you can do to get ready for school.

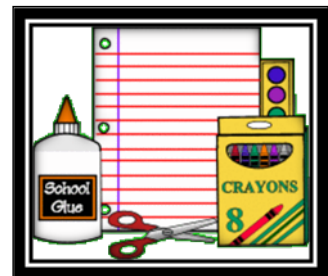
Please read through this supply list and bring these items to school on the first day. Many of our supplies will be **shared** as a class, so please **don't** write your name on these items.

**Shared Materials (NO name label)**

- 6 glue sticks (permanent)
- 2 pink pearl erasers
- 2 boxes of #2 pencils (Ticonderoga or Dixon---That's all that works in our sharpener)
- 2 black Flair felt tip pens
- If your last name begins with the letters **A-J** bring a box of tissue. If your last name begins with the letter **K-Z** please bring a container of NON-CLOROX (Baby) wipes.

Please **label** these materials with your name:

- 1 pair of good quality scissors
- One standard sized pencil box (5 X 8")...Not too big or small!
- 1 box of 24 colored pencils **sharpened** (no name necessary)
- 1 set of fine-tipped color markers (12 or 24 per box) (no name)
- 1 three-ring binder (**1"** wide please) No Larger.
- 1 set of dividers **with pockets** (5).



- 1 Pencil pouch for front of binder

**\*Please do not bring in a calculator, rulers or crayons. We have plenty to share.**

## **Organization**

- Label the dividers with these titles: Notes, Homework, Finish & Return, News, Tools
- Put the dividers in your three-ring notebook **in this order**: Notes, Homework, Finish & Return, News, and Tools.
- Bring your scissors, fine-tipped color markers, one eraser and colored pencils to school in your pencil box. Be sure it fits.
- Bring your other supplies in a separate bag.

### **In addition please bring:**

- **Classroom supply money:** \$25.00 written out to **Blakely Elementary School**. This fee will cover the expense of a class subscription to *National Geographic for Kids*, a guest visitor and materials for a variety of classroom projects.

Thanks for spending this time getting ready for our school year. I can't wait to hear about your summer. I'll see you in a few weeks. If you have any questions, you can email me a [dbedell@bisd303.org](mailto:dbedell@bisd303.org) or call 780-2058.

Sincerely,

Diane Bedell