



# September Newsletter

## Mrs. Palumbo



Dear Families,

We are off to a great start in third grade. We spent most of our first week getting to know one another and understanding classroom expectations and reviewing school-wide expectations. It has been a pleasure getting to know your child.

Each day your child will bring home their green folder and agenda. Please make sure to take out the items in the "Keep at Home" side and review notices that may be in the "Return to School" side. It is important for our home/school connection that these folders are returned each day.

Last-but certainly not least, THANK YOU for all of the wonderful classroom supplies that you donated. I truly appreciate all of your generosity. They will go to good use throughout the year!

If at any time you have questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to send a note, call, or email me at [Palumbom@worcesterschools.net](mailto:Palumbom@worcesterschools.net)

### Dates to Remember:

9/6- No School- Labor Day

9/20— Virtual Know Your School Night 6-8pm. More info to come!

### Happy Birthday!

9/9- Jadriel

9/13- Mosiah & Caiden

9/17- Lillian

9/18- Lukas

9/20- Bianca



### What Will We Be Working On?

Over the next few weeks I will conduct assessments in reading, math, and writing skills. I will use these assessments to help plan and drive my instruction on how to best accommodate the different needs of the students.

**ELA-** Our ELA block will consist of an Interactive Read Aloud, Phonics/Grammar Mini Lesson, Shared Reading, Writing Mini Lesson, as well as built in time for small group support and independent time for students to work on reading and writing skills.

**Read Aloud/Read to Self:** Throughout daily read alouds reading strategies will be introduced and modeled for all students. These strategies are in place to help students along as they are reading. Each student has a Book Bin for Read to Self time. Students have spent some time "shopping" for Good Fit books. This is absolutely their favorite time day. Each student picks a perfect spot in the room, gets comfy, and enjoys a good fit book!

**Writing-** As we begin writing we will discuss the importance of using "self-talk." Self talk is a strategy that we will use to persevere when writing gets tough or students get distracted. This is a strategy that can be used anywhere- not just when writing! We will also begin to explore the parts of writing an informative paragraph.

**Math-** This month we will begin with a review of place value—up to 1,000. We will review standard form, word form, expanded form, draw/write. We will begin to work on rounding numbers using an open number line.

**Social Studies-** We will begin the year by taking a look at Massachusetts and also understanding why and how we study history. We will find MA on a map and begin to explore the various cities and towns throughout MA. We will discuss nonfiction text features to help guide our learning. We will look at various maps and begin to understand how to use map features to gain understanding.

**Science-** Students will begin to understand the scientific process in answering a question and/or solving a problem. Students will take part in several hands on experiences this year where will identify a problem, explore solutions, observe and take notes, discuss outcomes and next steps.

\*Please remember to .. Have your child bring a water and a healthy snack each day. We have Gym on Monday-please wear sneakers!