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Looking Forward to a Great New Year!

Dear Parents,

My name is Mrs. Sarah Jondahl, and I will be your child's 3rd grade teacher this year. I will be spending a lot of time with your child in the upcoming school year. Because of this, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a few things about myself-both personally and professionally.

I was born and raised in San Jose, California. I received my B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky and my Master's degree in Education from Santa Clara University. I am married and have two sons, Nolan and Carter. This will be my 15th year teaching the 3rd grade and will be my 8th year at Loma Vista.

This school year is going to be an exciting one. I am looking forward to helping your child grow and succeed in their academic learning. We will work together in making our classroom be a family-like environment. We will be doing a wide variety of fun and exciting hands-on activities throughout the year, and your child will be enthusiastic about learning.

I am looking forward to getting to know you better also. Please mark your calendar for Back to School Night on Tues., Aug. 3rd from 5:30 – 6 pm in room 4. I will be explaining homework, grading, discipline, and classroom procedures. It is a very important night for you to attend.

Your child will need to be ready and excited on the first day of school to start learning wonderful new things. Please be sure that they have their school supplies and anything else that you feel they may need with them in order to get the school year off to a good start!

Parents are the most important people in a child's life, and we need to work together for the benefit of your child. I need you to support the academic, homework and discipline efforts here at school. In return, I will keep you informed about all aspects of your child's experiences at school. With school and home working together, I know that each and every student can have his or her most successful school year yet.

I'm looking forward to meeting you personally at Back-to-School Night on Tues., Aug. 3rd. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sarah Jondahl



Dear Third Grader,

Welcome to my class! My name is Mrs. Jondahl, and I will be your teacher this year. I am excited to tell you more about myself and explain all the things we will do in the 3rd grade. You have a lot to look forward to this year!

I grew up in San Jose, California, and went to college in Bowling Green, Kentucky. My husband Grant and I have been married almost eleven years. We have two sons, Nolan and Carter. This will be my fifteenth year of teaching 3rd grade . . . I love the 3rd grade!

This year you will be learning so many exciting things. Our class will work together as a “class family” and a team. You will learn everything from the history of Brentwood, to how to write a paragraph, to cursive writing, and so much more. You will be awesome with your multiplication tables and division facts, and of course, we will be reading so much. Each of you will have your best school year ever!

I am sure that you are as excited about this new school year as I am. Your parents will receive more information about our year and a supply list for our room at Sneak-A-Peek. On the first day of school, please be ready to start learning many wonderful things. On the first day, we will each share about ourselves with the class.

Here is your first homework assignment—even before school starts! Please spend the next few days collecting things that tell about you, such as pictures from magazines, newspapers, the Internet, and other media. Also, find pictures of your dream car, ideal house, super college, and great career. Try to think of things that are important to you, as well as special things about yourself that you might like to tell us. This way, we, as a class, can learn more about you!

Come to school on the first day with a Ziploc bag full of these cut-out pictures that we can then use for a project.

I am looking forward to meeting you at Sneak-A-Peek on Friday, July 25, from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M. If I miss meeting you at that time, I will see you on the first day of school, Monday, July 28 at 8:20 A.M.

Get ready for a year full of fun, friends, learning, and excitement! You will be a huge success as a third grader this year!

I am so glad that you will be in my class!

Loads of smiles,
Mrs. Jondahl



Dear Students and Families,

It's school time again!

I am very happy to have your child in my classroom. I believe that by all of us working together we can make this a very successful year. I consider it of prime importance that you be an active part of your child's education. I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know you, and I'm looking forward to a happy and productive school year.

Upcoming school events you should be aware of include:

- September 12, - Back-to-School Night
- October 19, - Picture Day

Our specials run on an A-F schedule, please remember sneakers on gym days.

A–Library	C–Gym	E–Gym and Computers
B–Spanish	D–Art	F–Music

You are invited to contact me any time by phone or e-mail if you have any questions, concerns, or if you just want to help out throughout the school year.

I consider it a great privilege and responsibility to be your child's teacher this year, and look forward to meeting each of you.

Welcome to second grade. Let's work together to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,

Miss DeNardo



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Dear John,

I hope you are having a fantastic summer.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year with my new students. I have so many amazing things planned to make your year a special one.

I can't wait to meet you on September 1st.

Your teacher,

Miss DeNardo

Dear Students,

It is with great enthusiasm that I want to welcome you to the Fourth grade!

I am certain that this will be a memorable year for you and your classmates. Fourth grade will be packed full of new, exciting things, which you will learn and explore together with your new class.

As your teacher, I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

I hope you are as excited as I am for this new school year to begin!

Your teacher,

Miss DeNardo