



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Mission Valley's 11/12 school year! My name is Lauren Ferreira and I will be your child's third grade teacher. I am excited about the coming school year and would like to share with you some of the things that we will be doing in our classroom.

The third grade is a very special year. It is a transitional period physically, socially, and academically. My goal is to assure a smooth transition for your child from the primary grades to an independent working level that will be expected in the fourth grade. In view of this, the SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER will be emphasized this year. These traits are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Citizenship, Responsibility, Fairness, Justice, and Caring.

To instill Responsibility, I will be assigning homework Thursday and it will be due on the following Thursday. The homework (which includes 1 review math page, 1 review language arts page, and nightly reading PER NIGHT) will be sent home (5 days worth of work) on Thursday in a folder. All assignments, including the parent's signature on any tests that may have been sent home, are due Thursday morning. Students who demonstrate responsibility by returning their homework every week will be rewarded!

Finally, Language Arts will also be an important part of my curriculum. As a result, I will be assigning reading homework each week. Oral reading is very rewarding because it enables you to see growth in your child's reading ability. To ensure success, it is important to have someone listen while he/she reads. Also, please be sure as your child reads, they follow the text with their finger or a bookmark. Your child will bring home a book, as well as a Reading Log to be filled out and returned in the homework folder on Thursday. Hopefully, this extra task will instill Trustworthiness, as well as, and appreciation of good literature and a love of reading.

Your support is greatly appreciated. I believe the success of every child depends on parents, students, and teachers working together. If you have any concerns or questions please let me feel free to email me: [L.Ferreira@tcsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:L.Ferreira@tcsd.k12.ca.us) or call: 685-7396 or check out our class website at [www.tcsdk8.org](http://www.tcsdk8.org)! ☺

Sincerely,

Lauren Ferreira

