



# Back to School 2017-2018

## 3rd & 4th Grade Multi-age



I am so excited to start the year! I can't believe how fast summer went! I pray that you had a wonderful summer with your family and friends.

Many of you have already had me as a teacher, but some have not. I want to take a minute to introduce myself and tell a little about me. I live in Flushing with my husband Joe and our 3 children (Natalie - 13, Michael - 12 and Kaytlin 10), our dog Bella, our chinchilla Zeus! This is my 15<sup>th</sup> year teaching. I spent my first year teaching Pre-K and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade at Holy Redeemer in Flint. For the next 6 years, I worked for Carman Ainsworth Schools in Flint teaching ½ Day Kindergarten and ½ Day Reading Recovery (a reading intervention program for 1<sup>st</sup> grade students). I then took 2 years off and I was a mom! I baked cakes and catered for those 2 years, while staying home with my then 3 yr. old, 2 yr. old and infant. When my oldest (Natalie) entered 1<sup>st</sup> grade, I got a job teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade here at St. Paul. This is my 8<sup>th</sup> year, and my third year teaching upper grades (minus my first year, but it's hard to count that year!) I am so excited to go into this year with the experience of the last 2 years behind me! It's a bit different this year, as it's the first time in two years where I have a full grade of kiddos with whom I need to build a relationship and get to know as learners! I can't WAIT! ☺

### Morning procedures

Each morning, the bell will ring at 8:25am. All students will proceed to their classrooms and begin their morning routine. The tardy bell will ring at 8:35am, at which point we will proceed to the library for Morning Prayer as a whole school. If your child arrives after the bell, please proceed to the office, where they will be directed to the library, not the classroom. After prayer, we will go to our classroom together and start our day. Each class will take a week at a time to lead prayer. You are welcome to join us any morning as we start our day honoring our Lord.

### Lunch

Our lunch period is from 12:10pm-1:00pm every day. Please be sure to fill out the pizza order form if you'd like to order pizza weekly, by the semester or for the entire year. Hot lunch accounts need to be paid ahead of time or your child will receive PBJ and a milk. Also, if your child forgets their lunch, they will not be allowed to call home for it. They will be given a PBJ and a milk.

### Remind 101

If you are not on our class Remind 101, please click the following link to add yourself to the list! <https://www.remind.com/join/3-4multi> This is how I do the majority of my communication. When I send an email, I will notify you via remind that there is an email for you as well. If you do not receive them, let me know ASAP so the situation is remedied. Communication is done via email and our website from the office. It's important to find a routine where you are checking the website and your email on a daily basis.

### Gym Days

Please be sure that your child has tennis shoes on gym day - Tuesday. If you'd like to leave a pair here at school, you're more than welcome to do so. This is a part of their grade, so not being dressed for gym will affect their scores. I'll send a note home on days they do not have shoes so you are aware.

## Dress Code

All students 3rd grade and up need to have a belt on if they have belt loops on their clothing. If they have to go to the office for a belt, they get a warning. The 2nd time in a week, they lose their Friday jean day. Also, we will have warning notes going home this year about dress code so that you are aware of the violation that day. Many times, parents leave for work before their child gets dressed, and parents never know! This will help with the communication! ☺

## Snack

We will have morning snack. Please pack a *healthy snack* daily for your child.

## Water bottles

Please send in a water bottle for your child, especially during hot days. They can stay at school and come home to be washed on the weekends. Please find a spare sock from home to put around it to stop it from sweating all over their desk.

## Mass

All School Masses are on Thursdays at 8:50am. You are always welcome to join us!

## Meet the Teacher

Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 6, we will meet in the Fr. K hall at 6:30pm to go over school expectations and meet new staff. We will then go to our classrooms. I'd prefer to think of this night as "Meet the Classroom" where I'll show you around and tell you how I'll be doing things. Please try to attend. If you are not able to come, please make an appointment with me to go over things.

## Academics

This year we will only be doing electronic report cards, not printing them to send home. PowerSchool will be a key in the communication between you, me and the kiddos. This is where you will see missing assignments, their grades, etc. Please be sure you're able to login. We are currently working on the set up, so watch your email for your login information!

## Newsletters

I will be communicating our weekly accomplishments and upcoming information weekly in a one page, short newsletter. These will be emailed and posted online. Please be sure to read this to stay on top of what's happening in our classroom and our school. Life is so busy, and we don't see you like we'd like and when we do, it's not to discuss the happenings in our classrooms. This is our tool so that you are always in the know about your child's classroom. Please take the time to read it!

*If you have any other questions, please CONTACT me!*

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