

Dear Parents & THIRD graders,

I am VERY excited to have you in my classroom and look forward to learning many new things throughout the year. Not only will we learn many new concepts, but we will also have tons of fun in the process. If at all possible, please try to send in all items (or as much as possible) from the attached classroom supply list. If you are unable to purchase some of these things, we will have some extras in the classroom - no worries! On the other hand, if you have extras, feel free to send them in when school starts. You should bring in a snack each day. I will try to have extras for those who forget their snack, but only for the first couple weeks.

Parents - I will be sending home daily communication folders. It is very important to send these back to school **every** day. In the folders will be corrected papers, along with any homework (rare) or notes that should be sent back the next day. Please try to help your son/daughter to remember his/her folder **daily**, as it is also a place for notes, newsletters, etc. You may also feel free to send any notes for me in the folder, as well. I do not send a lot of homework home, but on occasion there may be math or handwriting.

I am a firm believer in parent communication, so please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me with **any** questions or concerns . . . even if you think it is a "silly" question! I can be reached at school at (269)793-7286. If you prefer email, I check that numerous times each day - heatruth@hpsvikings.org I also have a classroom facebook page and I will be sending you information about it at the start of the year.

I am VERY excited to meet all of you and can't wait to get to know your child! I look forward to working with all of you on a regular basis. Thanks in advance for all your help and support!

- A little about me - I am married to Mr. Ruthruff (Leonard). He is a former Marine, a firefighter, and also has a full time job at Sound Off. I have a stepson named Calvin who just turned 21. I also have 2 "fur" children (cats), who you will hear about a lot throughout the year. I love to read, flower garden, and do crafts. My favorites include Diet Pepsi, pizza, Reese's, the state of MI, and Mackinac! I cannot wait to hear more about you!!

Mrs. Heather Ruthruff

3rd Grade Teacher

Mrs. Ruthruff's 3rd Grade Classroom Supply List

The following items are things we use in the classroom on a regular basis. If at all possible please send in all items with your son/daughter. We do have extra classroom supplies if you are unable to get the items at this time!

- Crayons
- Pencils (lots - preferably not mechanical)
- Colored pencils (we use these a LOT) - 2 packs might be a good idea
- Markers (not used much, but occasionally)
- Glue sticks (2-3)
- Scissors
- 1 pencil box to keep supplies in (regular size, not huge or fancy)
- 1 Box of tissues (or more than one if you can-we go through a LOT throughout the year)
- 1 pack of dry erase markers (to share with the class)
- Clorox/Lysol Wipes (to share with the class)
- Headphones

Also, try to remember to send in a snack each day for your child to eat. Extra snacks throughout the year are more than welcome for those who forget one!

For anyone who wishes to purchase more classroom supplies, anything listed above would be wonderful!