

September 2, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Hello, I am Tracey Fox or to your child I am known as Miss Fox. Welcome to third grade! I am very pleased to have your child in my classroom this year. This is my fourth year teaching third grade at Gideon, but my fifth year teaching third grade in the School District of Philadelphia. I am very excited to start the school year even though it is slightly different this year!

I graduated in May 2016 from Millersville University with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Psychology. I grew up in the small town of Greencastle on the border of PA and MD about three hours from here. I moved to Philadelphia after college to pursue a career teaching in an urban environment. I graduated in May 2020 with my master's degree in education with a reading specialist certification from Holy Family University.

I will keep you informed when our virtual Back to School Night will be. I will be using Class Dojo as an incentive in the virtual classroom and as a form of communication with parents. I will post weekly announcements on there as well as in the Homeroom on Google Classroom. There is also information on my Bitmoji classroom which students can access through Google Classroom. This includes technology help and the class schedule. Virtual learning will be 8:30-3:09. Students will be marked tardy after 8:35. They need to promptly be live with me with their cameras on at 8:30.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time with any questions, comments, or concerns. I will get back to you as soon as possible. The best way to contact me is a private message through Class Dojo. I am anxious to learn and grow with you and your child this year! Along with the regular school phone number 215-400-7360, there is another number you may use to contact the secretary 215-730-3397.

Included is the list of supplies your child will need for the virtual part of third grade. When we return to face-to-face learning I will add a couple more items to the list. Lastly, every Friday through October teachers will take a half day for professional development. Students will have online assignments during this time. Please utilize the Gideon website and philasd website for any extra guidance you may need. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

Miss Fox

Third Grade Virtual Supply List (Miss Fox):

- 24 sharpened pencils
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 plastic pencil case
- 1 composition book or notebook
- ear buds or headphones (for quiet learning)
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 1 dry erase board
- pencil sharpener
- tri-fold board- optional (for quiet learning space)

Third Grade Face-to-Face Supply List (Miss Fox):

- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 large box of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 composition book or notebook
- 3 folders
- 1 pack of copy paper
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 3 large glue sticks
- 1 pack of colored pencils or crayons
- 1 pack of notebook paper
- 24 sharpened pencils
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 plastic pencil case
- ear buds or headphones