



DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Empowering the Mind, Engaging the Soul

Summer, 2011

Dear Third Grade Parents and Students,

Welcome third grade students! My name is Mrs. Melissa Brewster and I am honored to be your child's teacher this year. I trust you are having a great summer vacation and are enjoying time with your family and friends. Before I tell you more about me, I would like to give you some fantastic news about 3rd grade this year! I am delighted to welcome a new Teacher's Aide to our classroom. Our school leadership has been interviewing candidates to make sure the fit for our class is perfect. The aim is to have an extra instructor as an additional resource for the students, the teacher and you as a parent. Our low student-to-teacher ratio is very important, and this Aide will help Desert Christian Academy continue this commitment.

Now, allow me to introduce myself. I have been affiliated with Desert Christian Academy for the past thirteen years since our son, Brady, began kindergarten. He graduated this spring and will be attending Biola University in the fall. He has had a wonderful educational experience here. I have taught both second and third grades and love the more advanced learning which takes place in third grade.

SUMMER READING: Our summer reading book is Squanto. You should complete reading this book over the summer and bring it with you on the first day of school. It is available at any local bookstore or online. We are not selling it at school. I've attached a copy of the book cover with the ISBN # for your reference. Also, I would recommend that your child have a special notebook where they write a couple of sentences to summarize each chapter.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT: It would be beneficial to have your child practice writing in cursive to make sure they remember how to form each letter correctly, review the addition and subtraction math facts as well as the multiplication tables from 0-5, and continue reading over the summer in preparation for third grade.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES & BOOKS: It has been fun shopping for all of your school supplies and I will have them waiting for you in your desk on the first day of school along with your books. Please do not bring extra supplies, notebooks, etc. as we have limited space and extra things are often a source of distraction to the children.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: The first day of school is Monday, August 22, 2011. We will begin by meeting in the gym for an assembly at 8:10 AM, and then we'll head to our classroom which is 3A.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT: Back-to-School Night for elementary students is Thursday, August 25, 2011. I look forward to meeting with parents that evening. Please make appropriate childcare arrangements.

LABOR DAY: Please note we will be recognizing Labor Day so there is no school on Monday, September 5th.

This has been an exciting summer preparing our classroom for the fall. I can't wait for school to start and hope that you are excited too! See you on the first day of school.

Serving Him,

Mrs. Brewster