

Back to School Night
3rd Grade - 2018-2019 School Year

Dear Parents,

My name is Mrs. Jennifer Dobos and I am extremely excited to announce that I will be your child's teacher this school year. This is my sixth full year being a 3rd grade teacher here at PJP. I absolutely love it and truly enjoy coming to work each day. I can't wait to learn more about your child, but first let me tell you a little about myself.

I am a wife, mother, and teacher. My husband's name is Matthew and we've been together 21 years this September!!! We met in high school and were married in 2009. Together we reside in Delran where we raise our two beautiful boys. My oldest, Brodrik (Brody), will be turning 8 in November and is in 2nd grade. My youngest is Macklin, who is 4, and will be attending PJP this year.

In this packet you will find a lot of useful and important information that will help you to navigate through the year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns I am here to answer them to the best of my ability. The best way to contact me is via email. I will get back to you within 24 hours. If you feel the need to meet with me then we can set up a date and time that is convenient for both of us. I, too, will need your contact information. At the end of the packet you will find a sheet to fill in your name, email, and at least two contact numbers, ie: cell, home, mom, dad or other guardian. You will also find a parent survey. This will help me better understand your child and their learning experiences. If you could please fill it out and promptly return, that would be great! **Please remember to print clearly.**

Again, I welcome you all back to our school, home, and community. I am so excited to be teaching your children this school year. I know we are going to have an amazing year and learn a lot of wonderful new skills. With hard work, support, and dedication, I am certain we can have a successful experience. Let's make this a positive year for your children as they continue in their educational career!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Dobos
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Classroom Policies – Agreed upon between the teacher and the students

We will **respect** others and our classroom

We will **raise our hand** to be called on to speak

We will use our inside voice by using **self-control**

We will **listen** to the teacher and follow directions the first time given

We will come **prepared** to learn new things

We will walk into class with a **positive attitude**

We will **do our best** each day

Consequences – (Using our behavior chart.)

Verbal Warning- Yellow

Teacher Choice - Orange

-Student will be asked to leave their group if they are being disruptive

-If we are on the carpet for a large group activity and they are disruptive they will be asked to go back to their seat.

-A child may be asked to write me a short paragraph as to why they made the choices that they did.

Parent Contact – Red - If I have spoken to the student 3x for the same behavior in a day then a call or email will be initiated.

Sent to the principal – If the student continues to be a repeated offender then he/she will be sent to the principal's office with work.

Detention – If the student refuses to cooperate and become mindful of his/her poor behavior then an afterschool detention will be issued.

Positive Rewards – (using our behavior chart.)

Each time a student moves their clothes pin to **blue, purple** or **pink** they will receive a ticket. Each time a student receives 3 tickets, they can get a prize from the Treasure Chest. It may be a pencil, candy treat, a chance to sit at the teacher's desk for a day, a homework pass in one subject, lunch with the teacher, positive phone call home or halvesies (do ½ the assignment.) If, by the end of the month, I have accumulated at least 50 tickets then the entire class will win a prize. This may be a popcorn party, pajama day, munchkins, an ice cream treat, extra recess time, or choice time.

Supplies

Please make sure your child has everything on his/her supply list as soon as possible. If you are not sure what supplies are needed please look onto the school website www.pjpiirs.com Please note that Art class has its own supply list and needs a separate pouch/box. We recently discovered that the book covers come in a couple of sizes. Make sure you get the "Jumbo Cover." All of the workbooks must be covered with **CLEAR** contact paper. This helps with keeping them from tearing throughout the year. Each kid must have an assignment tablet since they are responsible for copying their homework from the board.

Break/Snack

Around 9:55 each day we will have a 15 minute break to use the facilities and eat a quick snack. Only ONE healthy snack is to be sent in. If two are sent in, they will need to choose one. Please do not send in sugary foods, such as cookies, donuts, honeybuns, etc. Also, I prefer snacks that leave our fingers “cheesy”, such as Cheetos or Doritos, be eaten as a lunch time snack. This will prevent our papers and books from getting messy. The students will have an opportunity to get a drink at the water fountain during break, therefore they will not need to bring a drink for snack. This also eliminates unnecessary bathroom visits during our learning time. Most importantly, **let’s help our children make good choices as to what they eat!**

Facility Regulations

There will be 2 monitored breaks to use the facilities during the day, once during morning break and once after recess. The students are **not** allowed to leave the class to use the facility during class time or specials unless it is a true emergency. This is a school policy that went into effect last year due to students making poor choices. Also, it is for their own safety. If there is an emergency and we need to evacuate the building, they will be unaware of our location. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy please reach out to me.

Birthdays

Children are encouraged to celebrate their special day. You may provide either peanut free cupcakes, soft pretzels, or munchkins for break (9:55-10:10am). We currently have 10 students enrolled, but it would be best to send in a few extra in case this changes. If you are planning to send out invitations please make sure you have enough for everyone. If you plan to invite just boys or just girls you **MUST** invite all of them. If you need a list of names please feel free to email me.

Allergies

We currently have a student who has a peanut and egg allergy. If your child is allergic to anything please let the teacher know right away.

June Box

Any toys that are disruptive to the class will be taken away from the child and put into a box that will be returned at the end of the school year. I will not tolerate toys in the classroom!

Assignment Tablet

Every student must have a tablet. If you have not bought one please let me know as soon as possible. It must be purchased through the school. The tablets are for your children to write down their homework. Homework is written on the board as it is given. The students have an adequate amount of time throughout the day to write this down. The tablet should be signed every night! There may be times I write a note in the tablet, therefore it needs to be checked. It is the student’s responsibility to show me their signed tablet each morning. I do not check to see if they write their homework down each night, they need to be responsible for this each day.

Homework

As mentioned above homework is written on the board daily and can also be found on the school's website. This will come in handy if your child has forgotten their tablet or if you want to double check the assignment. The homework is **usually** posted by 4pm each day. Please make sure your child is completing all of their assignments. If your child is absent, you can call into the school to have it sent down to the office to be picked up or have it sent home with a sibling. If your child fails to do their homework, they must complete the assignment that night along with their other assignments and hand it in to me first thing the next morning. I will be keeping a log of missing homework assignments for each student, which in turn will affect their grade come report card time. If a student misses a homework assignment, which includes the previous late homework, 3 times within a week, they will receive a recess detention. If a project is assigned and is late, the parent will be noticed and points will be taken off.

Tests

Tests will be administered in each subject area. I will give the student at least a 2 day notice as to when we will have a test. Grammar, Spelling, and Reading Comprehension will ALWAYS be on Friday unless told otherwise, i.e.: holiday, shortened week. Students should expect a test as we get near the end of each chapter. Please DO NOT wait until the night before to study. Each night you should be reviewing what we discussed in class. Students will receive a study guide for Science and Social Studies since these chapters take longer to cover. Usually, Religion tests will be administered on Fridays as well. There will be times that I will allow for an open book test, but will not always be announced so please study.

Test/Classwork Packets

Packets will be sent home every Friday so that parents can go over the packet with their child and then sign off on it at the bottom. At times I may write a note which will include behavior, missing work, and occasionally their averages. These packets **MUST** be returned by Monday!!! I hold onto these packets and then distribute them before mid-terms and finals to use as study guides. Please take the time to review incorrect answers.

Parent Portal

The Parent Access Module, provided by Genesis Educational Services and the Diocese of Trenton for Grades 3-8 is a safe, secure way for parents to access their own child's academic records using the internet. Please take the time to look each week so that there are no "surprises" come report card time.

Curriculum

Math - This year we will be starting a new math series by Sadlier. Each student will be given a user name and password to access an at-home website. More information on this will be sent home separately. Students will learn place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication concepts, division concepts and facts, fractions and decimals, money, geometry, basic algebra, measurements, probability and problem solving. Number facts are crucial and set the premise of learning different levels of math. Continue to practice and review them each night. At dinner or in the car are great times to practice 😊

Integrated Language Arts (ILA) - This encompasses reading, grammar, spelling, and handwriting. It is literature based. Writing assignments will be given frequently to help encourage creativity through written expression. Handwriting is an important part of everyday life and should be practiced often. The students are encouraged to write in cursive, except for the occasional assignment that needs to be printed. Students will be tested on spelling, grammar, vocabulary, and reading comprehension every Friday.

Social Studies - The students will become familiar with community life, our country's geography as well as our Nation's History. Students will be tested roughly every other week on each lesson.

Science - The students will be studying life, earth and physical science. Projects and experiments will be a part of each unit. Students will be tested every 3-4 weeks depending on the length of the chapter.

Religion - The students will be focusing on the beginning of the church, being a member of the church, and the sacraments. Students will be tested on Fridays.

Please remember to take care of the schools textbooks. If they are damaged or lost, you are to purchase a new one immediately!

Specials

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Music

Wednesday - Computers

Thursday - Art/Spanish

Friday - Library

Special Educational Programs

Listed below are just a few online programs that will help your child succeed in both math and reading.

Bedtime Math (app for ios users)

skoolbo.com

xtramath.com

Starfall.com

typetolearn.com

IXL.com

Coolmath.com

Friendship Lists

If you would like to keep connected with the other parents in our class I will be creating a list of email and phone numbers. If this interests you please check the box on the last page and I will add your name. Once I have everyone's information I will send the list via email and paper. This comes in handy if your child has forgotten or lost an assignment! I had many students last year call a friend to read off the questions from the workbooks. I have even had very helpful parents print the page for pickup, as well as snap a photo and send via text.

Scholastic

Each month your child will be sent home with a Scholastic Book Catalogue and order form. You will have a due date on the top. If you would like to order online (preferred) you will see the code in your child's assignment tablet, as well as on my email page. (M79GH) If you would like to send the form in, that is fine as well. Cash or check made out to Scholastic Reading Club will be accepted. Each time you buy a book the class gets awarded several points and free items. Last year we received over 25 free books to add to our classroom library. I am hoping to get just as many this year!

Please read, sign, and return promptly!

I have read the Back to School Packet and I agree with the policies outlined by Mrs. Dobos. If I have any questions or concerns I will contact Mrs. Dobos as soon as possible.

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Phone numbers (print clearly): _____

Email address (print clearly): _____

Friendship list: ___yes ___no