

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are all excited for the beginning of a new school year at Freeland Elementary! Our goal is to help your child to be as successful as he or she can be in our class. There are a few things that we would like to make you aware of so we can all get off to a great start.

**SNACK:** We have snack time every day. Please send **ONE SMALL** healthy snack and drink to school daily. The drink should be **WATER** as we have carpeting in each classroom. Snack-time will be limited to fifteen minutes.

**ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL:** Students may begin arriving at school at 8:30am for breakfast. Homeroom is 9:00am-9:10am. Any student arriving after that time will be tardy. All homework for absent students may only be picked up in the office between 3:40pm-4:00pm. If your child must leave early or there is a change of plans. For example... walking instead of taking the bus, please send a note, otherwise your child will be sent home as usual. We cannot send a student home just with a verbal request from the student.

**SUPPLIES:** The students are to have the following supplies: **CLEAR BACKPACK**, box of #2 pencils, 2 boxes of 24 pack of crayons, 4 glue sticks, zipper pencil bag, 4 marble notebooks

Each student will be given a school folder courtesy of our PTA. This folder will be brought home daily. Please check and empty this folder daily. All important papers and communications will be sent home in this folder.

The following supplies are **NOT ALLOWED: Trapper Keepers, folders, pencil sharpeners, scissors, hard plastic pencil box, and NO METAL WATER BOTTLES.** Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school. For example..., stuffed animals, dolls, Pokémon cards, etc...

**Although it is not a supply Smart watches are not allowed to be worn. If a child has a cell phone in his or her possession it must be turned off and kept in their backpack. Otherwise, the school district policy will be in effect.**

**PLANNERS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be responsible for completing a daily assignment planner. This should also be viewed daily. It will list any and all homework assignments, tests, and quizzes for the next day or upcoming days. Please reinforce the importance of this to your child.

**COMMUNICATION:** 3rd grade is a huge transitional year for the students. We will be utilizing the following forms of communication: Teacher Webpage, ClassDojo and Teams. Each teacher's classroom will have homework written daily on the board, on the teacher's personal website, and on TEAMS. (Please see the Homework Channel in each TEAM for homework in that specific subject. For example... Reading TEAM Homework channel for any Reading homework. Math TEAM Homework channel for any Math homework. If at any time you have questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's homeroom or



classroom teacher via email or by calling the school office.

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**DONATIONS:** If at any time you would like to donate tissues, paper towels, supplies, etc. to your child's classroom, please know that we greatly appreciate your generosity!!! Students go through many boxes of tissues throughout the year!!!!!!

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:** As always, our classroom expectations are to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed on a daily basis in all that they do. Therefore, the following is a list of some classroom guidelines that the students will be expected to follow:

- be prepared for class- having the supplies that were requested.
- work quietly
- raise your hand to speak or get out of your seat
- listen carefully to the teacher and each other
- respect classmates and adults with kind words and actions
- complete and turn in assignments on time (**ALL ASSIGNMENTS count toward each quarter grade, including homework assignments.**)

If you have any questions about any of the above information, please feel free to send a note or email us with your questions. We look forward to working cooperatively with you throughout the year to help your child be successful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hartz

Mrs. Staruch