

Dear Third Grade Parents,

**Happy Summer!** I am so excited to have the privilege of continuing with St. Paul's Lutheran School this fall for my fourth year. I feel truly blessed to be part of this community.

A little bit about myself.....I love cats, reading, history, theater, camping, decorating and my favorite season is autumn! My educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, ACSI Elementary Education and Principal Certification, training in Orton-Gillingham and 22 years in the education field. I currently reside in Bel Air where I live with my family: Dave (my husband of 17 years) and my two children; Emily (13) and Jonathan (11), our kitty Tootsie, and a miniature Golden Doodle named Annie!



Now some tips for your **THIRD** graders...

First, **Relax and Recharge**, take some time to just have fun and experience what God has created for all of us! Go take a picnic in the park, build sandcastles on the beach and do cannonballs in the pool! Oh, and don't forget to catch some lightning bugs too!

Second, **Read**, I encourage you to sign them up at the public library for their summer reading program. This year's theme is "Libraries Rock!!". This program begins June 18 and provides great incentives to keep your child reading all summer. Taking a summer off from practicing reading and math skills can cause a significant regression of skills estimated at 1-2.6 months of academic decline, so please remember to have your child read!

Teacher stores like **The Lakeshore Store** and even the local Dollar Store have a great selection of workbooks designed to provide your child with reading practice and math skills practice. Keep addition and subtraction flashcards handy. You can drill facts while traveling in the car or while preparing dinner.

And finally, **Reflect**, please look for opportunities to experience history, geography, or science while on vacation. Take time to visit sights of interest and collect brochures and postcards in your travels. Encourage your child to keep a journal of their activities. These will make for wonderful discussion topics with our class in August.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the fall!

Blessings,  
Melissa J. Lindner