



Dear Third Grade Parents,

Welcome back to a new year! I am excited to continue our journey through the Waldorf Curriculum with our wonderful class of children and parents. We are welcoming many new families to the class this year and I look forward to seeing all of you at our class picnic at Flynn Park on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Third Grade Curriculum will feature stories from the Hebrew Legends, the study of Measurement, Shelters, Fibers, Farming, Cooking, Cursive Writing and Reading, as well as continued classes in Music, Movement, Painting, Drawing and Beeswax modeling. Children will experience the rhythmic year through creating and experiencing the major Hebrew Festivals, as well as participating in school-wide festivals.

We will have a class picnic/potluck on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at Flynn Park from 5-7 pm. Please bring your favorite dish, and come to meet or reconnect with the teacher, parents, and children in the class.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 21. As the weather may be hot please send your child dressed appropriately with a full-coverage sun hat and sunscreen. Remember that sandals must have a heel strap, shoes should be comfortable for daily movement activities, and no camouflage, neon, media, other images, or writing on clothing (plain colored, stripes, or plaid is great). See the clothing policy from the student handbook for more specifics - online at [www.mountainoakschool.org](http://www.mountainoakschool.org)

Our first parent evening/potluck will be in the fourth week of school on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. There will be a potluck from 5-6:00 at the picnic tables under the Gathering Trees followed by a parent meeting highlighting the Third Grade curriculum from 6:00-7:00pm. Childcare will be provided by older students for \$2 per child. At least one parent from each family should attend each parent meeting.

I look forward to continuing the journey into third grade with you and your child, as well as meeting all of the new families who are joining our class this year. I hope you have had a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Warmest wishes,

Christy Muzik

## **Mountain Oak School**

### **Third Grade Supply List 2012-13**

**Please drop-off these supplies to the third grade classroom labeled with your child's name on the first day of school. All supplies should be media and image free.**

- A water bottle to be kept and refilled at school. Children will hand wash at school and periodically bring home for a deeper cleaning. The third grade classroom sink has a new Pur water filter for refilling.
- One sturdy homework folder – for new children or children who lost their homework folder last year.
- One box of paper Dixie Cups
- A pencil box (for new children or children who didn't have one last year)
- One ream of white printer paper
- A three sided pencil grip
- One Wide Ruled Composition Notebook (Staples/Office Max) Hardcover
- An eraser
- Two paper folders with metal clasps to hold paper with three holes (about 25 cents at Staples/Office Max), one purple and one yellow.
- A pencil sharpener that collects pencil shavings with small and large holes

### **Painting Supplies**

- Two white washcloths
- Two sponges (no scrubby)
- A paint-smock - can be an old adult t-shirt or apron.

## **Practical Arts Supplies**

### **Fibers**

One Ashford Student Drop Spindle (about \$9) – Paradise Fibers online or any knitting store can order for you. Please label with your child's name, child will bring home at the end of the school year. I have seven extra that are slightly used you can purchase from me for \$5. Please email me if you want me to hold one aside for you ([cmuzik@mountainoakschool.org](mailto:cmuzik@mountainoakschool.org)). I will sell them on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Cooking**

(Many of these items can be purchased in small amounts at New Frontiers and Frys. I will combine and store at school.)

- Two sticks of butter (or dairy-free substitute like Earth Balance)
- Two cups of whole wheat flour
- Four cups of unbleached white flour
- Gluten free children can bring in a gluten free substitute for their baking that can be used directly in place of flour – labeled with their name.
- One small container of honey or agave syrup
- One package dry yeast
- Two eggs (or a small amount of ground flax seed for vegan students)
- A small amount of raisins
- One set of measuring cups and spoons (dollar store or otherwise is fine). Best if the cups and spoons are on rings and labeled with your child's name.
- One medium size mixing bowl
- One large metal mixing spoon

### **Farming/Gardening**

One pair of child-size gardening gloves – cloth with rubber coating on the palm

A sun hat (no words or images) with good coverage to leave at school for the year.