

August 19, 2015

Dear Third Grade Parents,

 Mrs. Valentin and I are so thrilled that your child is in our class this year! We are firm believers in keeping a strong, open line of communication between home and school so we are writing to ask you to become our partner in your child’s education. After all, we have something so special in common, *your child*. You are your child’s first teacher and you know him or her better than anyone else in this world. We would love to start the year out with a glimpse of who your child really is. What makes him or her so amazing? What does he or she struggle with? What are his or hobbies and special talents?

 We are asking to your write or email us about your child *in a million words or less.* If we were to sit down for 20 minutes over coffee, what would you share with us about your child? The knowledge you share with us will give us invaluable insight into who your child is and what makes him or her tick. For example, if we know that Sally loves to draw, we may be able to use her talents during a class project. If we know that Johnny is terrified of thunderstorms, we can be sensitive to his fears. Yes, we will learn a lot about your child from our time together this year, but why wait?

Please know that this information is 100% confidential and it only for the two of us. We are not passing judgement on your writing. We do not care about spelling or grammar. We care about what you have to say about your child.

Thank you so much for trusting us with your child this year and for the taking the time to write to us about him or her. You may e-mail this information at your earliest convenience to Khegmann@lbeach.org **and** YValentin@lbeach.org OR you may send it in on the first day of school with your child. In the letter, please be sure to include your name as well as your child’s name and how he or she will be getting home on the first day of school.

 Thank you,

 Mrs. Hegmann & Mrs. Valentin

**P.S.** Please send in the attached bag with your child on the first day of school.

**P.P.S.** Feel free to check out our class website at

www.thirdgraderoom212.weebly.com