

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Hello, I am Kailyn McNamee or to your child I am known as Ms. McNamee. Welcome to third grade! I hope you all had a relaxing, yet eventful summer. I am so excited to have your child in my classroom this year. This is my second-year teaching at Gideon. I was the kindergarten teacher last year, but I moved up to third-grade. Teaching third-grade has always been a goal of mine since I was in high school.

I graduated in 2019 from Holy Family University with a bachelor's degree in Early Education and Special Education. I am looking to get a master's degree in education within the next year. Although this is my second-year at Gideon, I have been teaching for five years.

I will be using PBIS Rewards as an incentive in the classroom and as a form of communication with parents. The bell schedule for Gideon is 9:00-3:39. Students will be marked tardy after 9:15. Students get picked up and signed out from the big school yard. Students may not walk home alone unless I have parent permission. The first day of school, I will be sending out an emergency contact form, transportation to school (where you explain who can pick your child up and how) and a permission slip to whether your child can walk home alone or not.

Homework will be given every night Monday through Thursday. I will be having the students write their homework in a composition book. Please make sure to read through their homework book every night to check for homework. Included is a list of supplies your child will need for third grade.

I am so excited for learning and growing with your child this year! If you have any questions, please reach out to me. The school's phone number is 215-400-7360. My email is kmcnamee@philasd.org. I check my email before school starts and after school ends. Lastly, please make sure you utilize the Gideon website for any extra guidance you may need.

Thank you,
Ms. McNamee

Third Grade Supplies List:

- Pencil Case
- 24 sharpened pencils
- 2 erasers
- 2 composition books
- Ear buds or headphones (need these for computers – we will be utilizing our computers for assignments this year)
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 2 folders
- 3 large glue sticks
- 1 pack of colored pencils and/or crayons
- 1 pack of tissues
- 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer