

July 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Manlio Silva Elementary School. I am happy to be your third grade teacher ☺ Our year will begin on July 30, 2019. Our classroom will be a wonderful learning environment for you, and I look forward to our time together. As a third grader, you will learn to write paragraphs, multi-paragraph essays, stories, reports, and letters. In math, you will learn multiplication, division, fractions, geometry, and problem solving. We will be reading and writing everyday! We may even learn to write in cursive! Science will be an exploration of Life, Earth, and Physical sciences. In Social Studies, we will focus on our community around us.

We will also be taking some fun field trips connected to what we are studying in class, including Valley Days, along with fun-filled, educational presentations on campus.

It is very important for you to come to school every day, on time with your "ready to learn" attitude. We will be learning something new each day, and you don't want to miss out! I have high expectations for you to always try your best and be ready to learn.

When you come to school, please bring the following:

- (1) Zipper pencil pouch (no pencil boxes, please)
- A sturdy Homework folder **(NO BINDERS!)**
- A personal set of colored pencils (the more colors the better!)
- A small personal pencil sharpener to be used at home for sharpening colored pencils
- One thin dry erase pen, one thick dry erase pen
- Mini eraser or small sock to be used for white board erasing
- Headphones or earbuds to use in class **(VERY IMPORTANT!)**
- A pair of student scissors

Each student who brings *all* of these items within the first week of school will earn **tickets** for our class RAFFLE!!

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Classroom Wish List

We are also in need of some important items for our classroom. If you can donate at least one of the following, it would really help! For each item you bring, you will earn an additional raffle ticket for our class raffle drawing ☺

- * Thick dry erase pens, especially BRIGHT, BOLD colors
- * Thin dry erase pens, black or blue preferred
- * Kleenex * Pack of College Ruled Binder Paper
- * Pencils *Markers (Crayola Classic, thick or thin) * Clorox Disinfect Wipes
- * Sandwich, Quart, or Gallon sized Ziploc baggies
- * Raffle Prizes (ideas: candy, treats, small toys, folders, notepads/notebooks, grade level books, coloring/art materials, anything that kids would love to win!)

It would also REALLY help me if a parent would email me with your preferred email contact address(es) so I can begin adding you to my database. Be prepared for a lot of email communication, it is my primary source for informing you of important news regarding our class and your child. Email me at gortega@lodiussd.net. I am very much looking forward to meeting you on our first day of school, July 30th. *I will see you out on the blacktop, Line 103.*

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ortega

P.S. Parents, please mark Thursday, August 1st on your calendar. We will have Back to School Night that evening at 6:45 p.m. It is very important at least one parent attend as I will be presenting my expectations, the third grade curriculum, and other classroom policies. Most importantly and helpful to parents, will be the segment about online work/programs your child will be responsible for using. These programs will also be parents' way to check in on grades and progress. I look forward to seeing you there!

*This will be shared at Back to School Night, but want to mention, all 3rd grade teachers will be collecting \$45 donation per student to cover the cost of Study Trips/Presenters/Workshops this year. A read a thon will be held during 1st quarter to help each student collect their donation funds, however, if you'd like to turn your \$45 cash (or checks made payable to Manlio Silva) in, I will be collecting from now until our deadline in September. Thank you!!