

Back to School Night

3rd Grade
August 26, 2020
Miss Cooke

Welcome, Everyone!

I know that this year looks different than what any of us expected, but I'm so happy to have students back!

I'm looking forward to working with you to have the most successful year possible.

Coming up is a brief overview of what you and your child can expect throughout the year.



About Me



My Teaching Philosophy

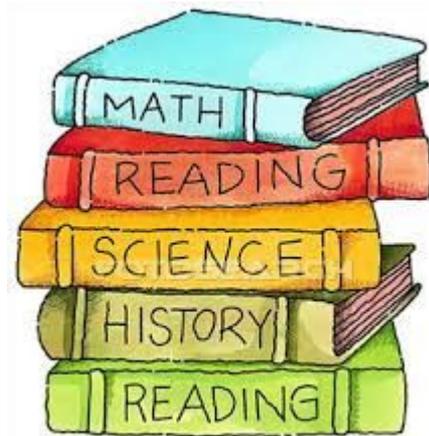
My teaching philosophy is to first foster an environment where students feel respected and comfortable. From there I aim to meet each child where they are so that they can grow and thrive academically.

We will need to be creative in building classroom community this year, but it will still be one of my top priorities.

Academics

Core Subjects

- Religion
- Math
- ELA
- Science
- Social Studies



Specials

- Music: Tuesdays
- Art: Thursdays
- PE: Tuesdays and Thursday
 - PE uniform includes uniform shorts, a St. Pat's t-shirt, and athletic shoes

Academics

Homework

- Read for 20 minutes every night
- 20-30 minutes of additional written homework each night (Monday-Thursday)
 - Spelling
 - Math
- Occasionally a project will require some work outside of school

Tests

- Spelling test every Friday
- A few days' notice for all other tests



Sacrament Preparation



As we all know, in-person 2nd grade was cut short right before Reconciliation and as the class was preparing for First Holy Communion.

Ms. Ceseña and I are working to reschedule and get the students ready for these sacraments

First Reconciliation: aiming for early October (during school hours)

First Holy Communion: tentative date Sunday Nov. 15



Classroom Expectations

I have 5 main expectations.

1. Respect everyone
2. Tell the truth
3. Follow directions
4. Work hard and try your best
5. Have fun and learn

As a class we will discuss and define these and maybe add a few of our own.



Class Dojo

Class Dojo is an online (and app) platform that I use both for classroom management and parent reminders.

Students can earn and lose points based on their behavior. Parents can see these points when they log in.

Students can save up their points to spend on rewards.

You should have receive an email invitation to connect with our class



Contact and Communication



You can reach me:

- Email: jcooke@stpatrickssd.com
- You can message me directly on Class Dojo
 - These notifications go to my phone and are good for a quick question/answer

I will communicate with families through:

- Email, newsletters, and Class Dojo Reminders

Class Website: <https://stpatrickss3rdgrade.weebly.com/>

If we need to revert to Distance Learning

We will use online tools including Google Classroom and Zoom

This year, every student has their own St. Patrick School gmail account

- They will only be able to send and receive emails within our domain (teachers and students with @stpatrickssd.com email addresses.
- I will help students log in and connect to Google Classroom at school and I will send the login information home individually

During in-person school I will do my best to keep the class site and the Google Classroom updated in case any one misses school or needs to refer to it.

Thank you. I'm looking forward to a great year!