



2017-2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I am so excited to be a part your child's journey through the third grade. I am looking forward to getting to know each child and supporting and encouraging them. I believe that we are a team and can accomplish anything that we set our minds to as long as we work together.

I will be spending the first couple of weeks assessing your child's abilities and needs for a successful year. We have a very rigorous school year planned ahead and every moment of the day will count! In order to ensure the greatest success for your child, please be sure to have your student present, on time, and ready for school every day! The classroom door will open at 8:15am. Students will have morning and bell work that will need to be completed before we begin instruction promptly at 8:40am every day.

Teacher-parent correspondence is very important to me. I will be using your child's planner for parent/teacher communication and behavior notes. The school as a whole will be using the same planners which have already been ordered. The cost for these planners is \$5.00. Please send in \$5.00 (cash) by 8/14/17. Please check and initial the planner every day.

I will be utilizing a classroom Dojo program to help track positive behavior demonstrated in class. For every 25 points your child will earn a reward coupon. Students will also work together in class to earn points. If a student makes poor choices they will receive a warning. If the negative behavior continues, other consequences could include losing some Dojo points, a note home, or in severe situations a trip to the office. If there is a behavior concern with your child I will be sure to let you know either by writing in the agenda or contacting you via phone or e-mail.

There will be times throughout the year when it will be important for us to meet face to face to discuss how your child is doing in school. This is a time for us to discuss your child's successes, areas needing improvement, and future plans. You will be receiving an e-mail invite for you to sign up for a conference time via sign up genius.

If at any time you would like to conference about your child's academic progress, behavior, etc...please be aware that if you would like a conference, it is necessary to email or call me at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a time. I am NOT available to conference during instructional time or while students are coming into the class in the morning since our focus will be on getting the students ready for their day.

Grades

Your child will receive grades in all subjects including language arts, math, science and social studies. Classroom participation and homework will be included and considered in final grade calculations. Remember, attendance does not count as a grade, but it can certainly affect your child's grade. If your child is absent, they are responsible for making up any missed work. It is very hard for your child to catch up if they are absent from school repeatedly.

Thank you for entrusting your child to me. I look forward to working with you as a team to help your child meet their full potential and made this school year a SUCCESS!

Thank you,
Ms. Emily Kesmodel
727-400-6885 (school phone)
kesmodele@platoacademy.net (email)
kesmodele.weebly.com (class webpage)

Important Information:

Contact Information: If there are any changes in student contact information/emergency information, please notify me in writing.

Transportation: ANY CHANGES IN THE WAY A STUDENT LEAVES SCHOOL MUST BE GIVEN TO ME IN ADVANCE AND IN WRITING.

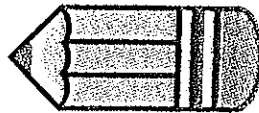
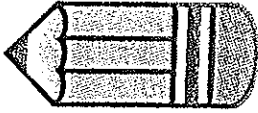
Homework: Homework will be given in a packet each Friday and will be due the following Friday. Math homework will be checked daily. If homework is incomplete, your child will sit out during fun Friday to make up any incomplete or missing homework.

Uniform: Per Plato policy, ALL student must adhere to the dress code implemented at Plato Academy. Any questions; Please refer to the student handbook.

Money: If your child brings in money for a field trip or school book order, it should be placed in an envelope with your child's name. Please do not send large amounts of money with your child.

Supplies: in order for your child to be successful, he/she needs to be prepared for class. Please review the third grade supply list on the school website.

Class website: Announcements, homework and other important info can be found on the class page. You can find it through the Plato Seminole website and clicking on classes. Please sign up for Remind 101 by clicking the link to sign up for my reminders.



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Third Grade School Supply List

Label these items:

- 1 5-subject notebook
- 2 composition books-one for spelling, one for health
- 5 plastic two-pocket folders with holes: 1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 purple
- 1 two pocket folder -any design - your choice
- 1 small pencil pouch with holes-no pencil boxes please!
- Highlighter-put in pencil pouch
- 1 package markers-put in pencil pouch
- 1 package colored pencils-put in pencil pouch
- Scissors-Put in pencil pouch
- Sturdy Headphones
- 2 binders (with inserts on the cover)

Do NOT label these items as they will go in shared supplies:

- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 packages of post-its
- 1 package of pens
- 3 packages of 6 glue sticks
- 2 packs of index cards
- 4 packs of #2 pencils, sharpened
- 1 pack of loose leaf notebook paper
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 box crayons
- \$5.00 for an agenda

A Copy of the following books for novel study-

"Mr. Popper's Penguins" by Richard and Florence Atwater
"Frindle" by Andrew Clements

- Boys only: a box of 1 gallon zip lock bags, 1 box of plain or colored manila file folders (not hanging folders), 1 box colored pencils
- Girls only: a box of 1 quart zip lock bags and (3) pack of antibacterial cleaning wipes, 1 box markers
- Voluntary Classroom Donations/Wish List:
Colored Copy paper, stapler/staples, extra crayons, markers, colored pencils, laminating pouches, Amazon or Teacherspayteachers.com gift certificate, bandaids, Sharpies, Mr. Sketch Markers, chart paper

Additional Notes:

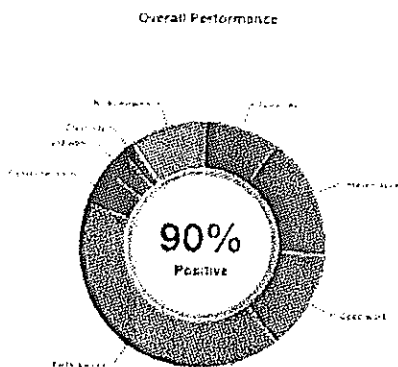
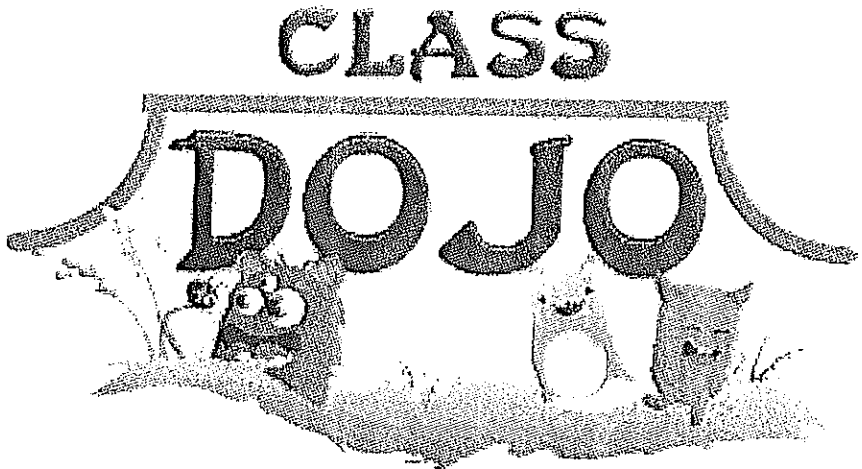
1. Please note that tissues, notebook paper, wipes, and baggies will be collected and dispersed as needed for classroom use throughout the school year. Glue sticks will be collected and used in shared supplies. Supplies do not need to be labeled as most will be collected. Please only label pencil pouches, binders, composition books, and notebooks.
2. Many stores often offer inexpensive or even free school supplies during the summer. Keep an eye out for "deals" in their sale fliers. (Example: K-Mart, Staples, Target, Walgreens)
3. If you are unable to purchase anything for any reason, please e-mail us so that your child has what they need!

3rd Grade Parents & Students:

This year, the third grade teachers will be using a classroom management tool called ClassDojo.

ClassDojo is a web based program which allows

teachers to track students' behaviors (positive AND negative) easily and efficiently. The program is based on points, and students can be given positive points for things like being on task, being respectful, participating, or working hard. On the other hand, points can be taken away if students are off task, talking out, or unprepared. Our goal is to fully implement the program right away, but please bear with us as we are learning as we go! ☺



After students have been added to the system, there is a student access code we will give to each student so that they can log on to the website. On the site, they are able to see how many points they have, which positive behaviors were noted, and which negative behaviors they need to work on. Quarterly, students will be able to "cash in" on their points for different prizes and coupons.

One of the greatest features of ClassDojo is that it allows us to send parents a "behavior and skills report" every Friday by e-mail. All you need to do is use the parent access code to get signed up. Our hope is that this will help you better understand the progress of your student's behavior on a week-to-week basis.

Please contact us if you have any questions!

~3rd Grade Team



Sign up for important updates from Ms. Kesmodel.

Get information for Plato Seminole right on your phone—not on handouts.

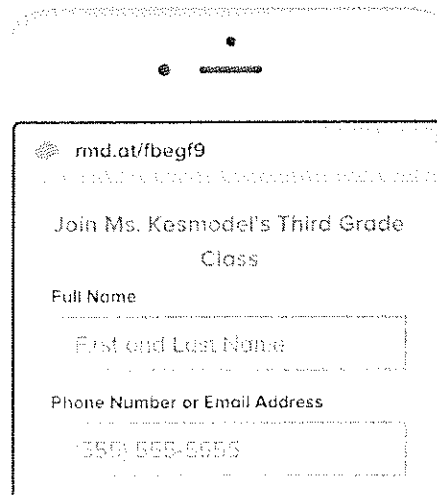
Pick a way to receive messages for Ms. Kesmodel's Third Grade Class:

- A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/fbegf9

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



- B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message #fbegf9 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting #fbegf9 to (508) 916-2336.

** Standard text message rates apply.*





Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/fbegf9 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



Communication Form

Student's Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Student lives with _____

Please fill in contact information for parents or other family members or guardians that can be contacted by the teacher.

Name: _____
Relationship to student: _____
Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____ 
Work Phone: _____
Email: _____ 

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Is there internet access in your household? _____

Please list the best person and the best way to contact that person:

- Before school: _____ home/cell/work/email
(person to contact) (circle all that apply)
- During school: _____ home/cell/work/email
(person to contact) (circle all that apply)
- After school: _____ home/cell/work/email
(person to contact) (circle all that apply)

Please write reasons for which you would like to receive a phone call:



If needed, please write any additional information regarding contacting you on the back of this form!

Thank you! By keeping open lines of communication between school and home, we are ensuring successful students!

Student Information Sheet

Child's full name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Age: _____

Address: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Information:

Name:	Email:
Cell Phone Number:	Occupation:
Home Phone Number:	Work Phone Number:

Father's/Guardian's Information:

Name:	Email:
Cell Phone Number:	Occupation:
Home Phone Number:	Work Phone Number:

Emergency Contact:

Name:	Relationship to student:
Home Phone Number:	Cell Phone Number:
Work Phone Number:	Other:

How will your child be going home from school?

Please list the names of anyone that your child may go home with:

Name	Relationship to Child	Phone Number

Please list health concerns/allergies:

Previous school experience:

Names of all children in the family (oldest first):

Name	Age	Gender	School/Grade/Teacher (MNS)	Comments

Special interests, hobbies, and talents of child and other family members.

Who	What

Is there another language, besides English spoken in your home?

No _____ Yes _____

Language: _____

Is there anything that frightens or upsets your child?

What are some of your child's strengths?

What are some of your child's weaknesses?

What goals do you have for your child this year?

5 words that describe your child are...

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Is there anything else you would like to share with us about your child?

Student Information

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Medical Concerns/Allergies: _____

Siblings: _____

Are there any holidays your child does not celebrate?

How does your child get home? _____

Parent Name: _____

Cell Number: _____

Work Number: _____

E-mail: _____

When is the best time to contact you? _____

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Cell Number: _____

Work Number: _____

E-mail: _____

When is the best time to contact you? _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Parent Questionnaire

1. What are some of your child's strengths? _____

2. What areas do you think your child needs to work on?

3. What does your child like to do on the weekends?

4. Does your child enjoy coming to school? _____

5. What kind of books does your child like to read or look at? _____

6. What motivates your child to learn? _____

7. What are your expectations for me as a teacher? _____

8. Is there anything else about your child I should know?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire. It will help me get to know your child a little better. I'm excited for the great year ahead!