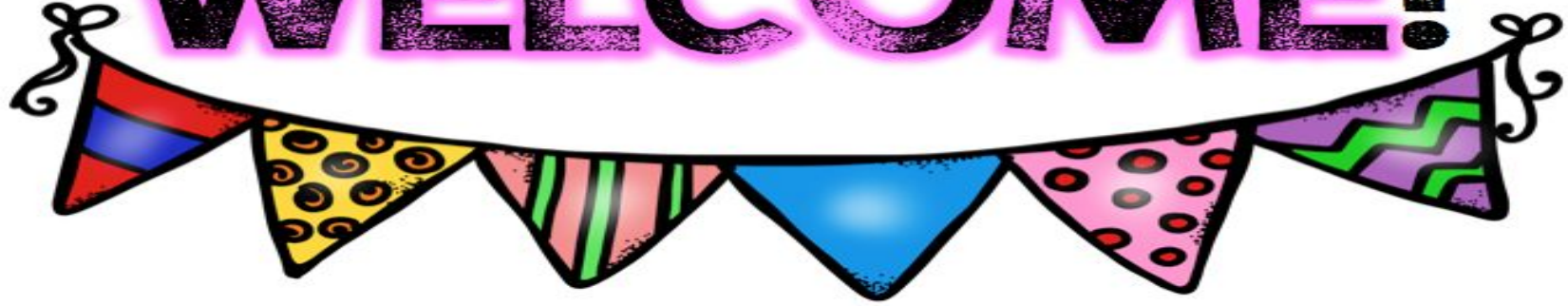


welcome to
3RD GRADE



WELCOME!



I am very excited to start school on Monday, and I'm looking forward to getting to know every student. My goal is to make this a great school year in which we focus on building friendships and growing as learners. I hope that third grade will be your child's best year yet!

Introducing ME!

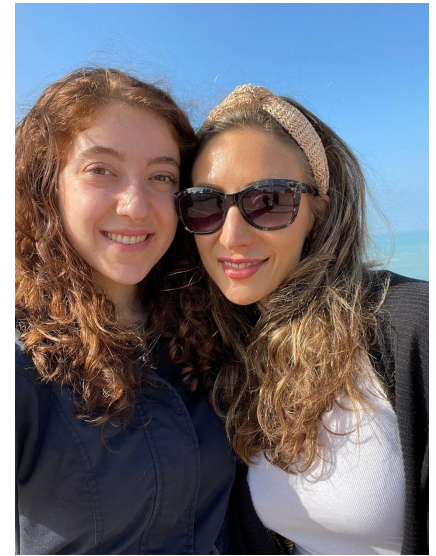


NAME: Mrs. Cox

DEGREE: Master of Science in Education
with a Specialization in
Elementary Reading and Literacy

EXPERIENCE: This is my 34th year. I
have taught 3rd grade
since Independence opened
in 1999.

My FAMILY



My FAVORITES



COLOR: bright blue

FOOD: tacos, pasta

CANDY: milk chocolate

DRINK: tea

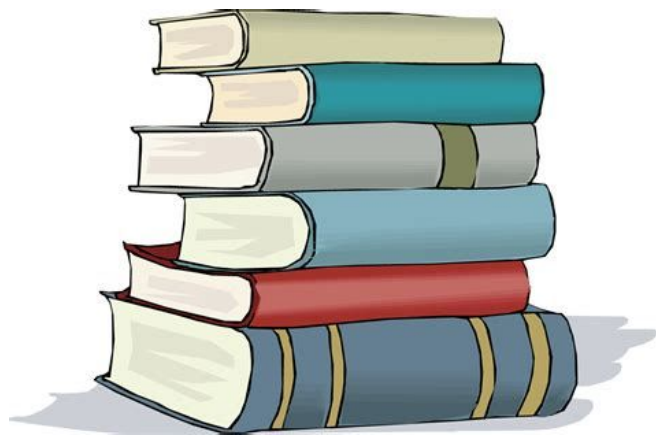
STORE: Amazon, Target

ANIMAL: elephant

My HOBBIES



I like to read (mostly nonfiction), hike, and just enjoy nature.



Our CLASSROOM



My goal is to create a sense of community in our classroom, where everyone treats each other with kindness and respect and supports one another. To help accomplish this, we will have lessons and discussions about empathy, acceptance, cooperation, honesty, responsibility, and service and plenty of opportunities to apply these virtues in our interactions with others. We will frequently practice conflict resolution skills and problem-solving strategies. Morning meetings will take place daily. Students will take an active part in their own education, including creating a list of classroom expectations, discussing how to accomplish these expectations, sharing the great things that are happening in our classroom, voicing their concerns, and making decisions. My hope is that all students will know and feel that they are valued members of a great team.

Class RULES!



In our classroom, students play an active role in helping to make decisions that affect the class. The students and I will create our "Classroom Expectations" TOGETHER on the first day of school.

Class SCHEDULE



Time	Subject
9:05-9:15	Skills Practice
9:15-9:25	Morning Meeting
9:25-10:15	Math
10:15-10:30	Word Study
10:30-11:30	Special
11:30-12:40	Reader's Workshop
12:40-1:05	Lunch
1:05-1:25	Recess
1:25-1:40	Word Study
1:40-2:25	Writer's Workshop
2:25-2:45	Break
2:45-3:15	Target Time
3:15-3:45	Content

Library 1:30-2:15 (on a 6-day rotation)

[Click here](#) for
a printable
schedule.

SPECIALS



Day 1 Art—Mrs. Morice

Day 2 Music--Mr. Wieher

Day 3 P.E.--Mrs. Hagedorn

Art, Music, and P.E. rotate every day.

Supply LIST



24 sharpened pencils
1 pack of Twistables colored pencils
1 box of washable markers
2 highlighters
2 black, dry erase markers
3 wide-ruled composition notebooks
4 plastic, two-pocket folders
(blue, green, orange, red)
Boys: 1 box of sandwich-size plastic bags
Girls: 1 box of gallon-size plastic bags

scissors
1 large glue stick
1 roll of paper towels
1 large box of tissues
headphones
small supply box
\$5 party money

Art/Music/PE. Supplies

2 dry erase markers
2 fine-tip, black Sharpies

[Click here](#) for a printable version of the supply list.

CURRICULUM



Big Ideas

Reading

- Mysteries
- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Fairy Tales

Writing

- Small Moments
- Animal Research Projects
- Opinion Pieces
- Fairy Tales

Math

- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions
- Perimeter and Area

Social Studies

- Civics
- Communities
- American History
- Maps

Science

- Weather and Climate
- Force and Motion
- Ecosystems
- Genetics

HOMWORK



I strongly believe that elementary students should not have much homework. I want my students to have time to be with their families and friends after working seven hours at school. In addition, there is conflicting research on the effects of homework on elementary-age students and their learning. Therefore, I rarely assign any written homework. I do encourage students to spend some time reading every evening. It is also beneficial to practice math facts periodically.

Important DATES



Important dates can be found in my weekly newsletter (sent by email each Friday), on my website at <https://andreacox.weebly.com>, and in Independence's weekly newsletter.

Dismissal

INFO



You will be required to show a valid state ID when checking your child out in the office. If you will be signing your child out early near the end of the day, please do so by 3:30 P.M. If there will be a change in your child's usual dismissal transportation, please notify me by email and also either call the office at (636) 851-5900 or email them at independencetransportation@fhsdschools.org to report the change. For safety reasons, students are prohibited from riding any bus home other than the one assigned to them.

Fun FACTS!



- We will have Show-and-Tell on the first Friday of each month. It's fun, and it helps develop students' speaking and listening skills. Your child is welcome to bring in something to show each month, but please make sure that it is not extremely valuable, breakable, or inappropriate.
- I will celebrate each student's birthday with a song, desk streamers, and some non-food treats. You are welcome to send in party favors if you want, but please do not send in any edible treats.

FAQS



❖ Should students bring a snack to school?

Students are encouraged to bring a nutritious snack to eat each day. They may eat whenever they get hungry; we do not have a set snack time. We do NOT currently have any students in our class with known food allergies. Students may also keep a water bottle at their desks.

❖ Are there spelling tests?

I will teach phonics and spelling daily, but there will be no test. Please see my newsletter or visit my website at andreacox.weebly.com/spelling for the weekly spelling patterns and some practice words.

FAQS



❖ How does the math program work?

Our math program moves relatively quickly. I usually teach a lesson each day. When all lessons for that topic have been taught, we take a day to review and then test the following day. Please visit the my website at andreacox.weebly.com/homework to find out the lessons that will be taught each week. I update this page weekly.

❖ Do you send home newsletters?

I will send my newsletter by email each Friday with information for the following week about what I'll be teaching in ELA and math, important upcoming dates, and more. I will also post my newsletter on my website at andreacox.weebly.com/news.

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