



August 2019

Dear Third Grader,

Welcome to third grade at Harper! We hope you had a relaxing, fun-filled summer. The new school year is just around the corner, and we have been very busy preparing for an engaging year in third grade. We are excited to meet you and to get started on our path of learning together.

Be ready for a fun and challenging learning adventure! There are so many things to explore this year. Students working with Mrs. Arkins, Mrs. Boeckman, and Mrs. Incandela will become **engineers, botanists, and astronomers** when they investigate force and motion with simple machines, grow and harvest the seeds of Wisconsin Fast Plants, and examine scale models in our solar system and beyond. Students working with Miss Dix will be piloting units from *Elevate Science*, the new District 39 science program which will roll out District-wide in 2020. Further details about the pilot will be shared at Curriculum Night!

As researchers, we will study the Social Studies themes of **movement** and **exploration**. As **genre experts**, we will dive into traditional **fairy tales**, poems, and various other literature. Prepare to become a skilled mathematician! You will master **multiplication**, dive into **division**, frolic in the fun of **fractions**, and major in **measurement**. As a third grader you will also learn to use **cursive** handwriting and type correctly during **keyboarding** lessons!

We look forward to seeing you on August 28th. Please bring two books you have not read on the first day of school. See you soon!

Your Third Grade Teachers,
Mrs. Arkins, Mrs. Boeckman, Miss Dix, and Mrs. Incandela