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Dear Parents,

The beginning of school is such an exciting time! It's full of new beginnings-new surroundings, new friends, new experiences, new skills, and new challenges. Please take time to discuss each school day with your child. Your constant interest will play an important part in your child's learning success.

My name is Mrs. Kimberly Riley, and I will be your child's teacher this year. Because I will be spending a great deal of time with your child over the next few months, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about myself, both personally and professionally. I am married to John Riley, a former grant writer and researcher at HDC in Caro. We have two children, Johnny, almost 28, and Victoria (Tori), age 26. We live near Millington.

After graduating from LakeVille, I attended the University of Michigan-Flint. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in December 1987. I majored in social science and minored in math. In 1991, I went back to UM-Flint and added an endorsement in Early Childhood Education. In June 2000, I earned my Master in the Art of Teaching degree from Marygrove College in Detroit. I have taught for 32 years in many different teaching positions. I have taught 3rd/4th split; 6th grade science, social studies and art; 1st grade for one year; art for one year; 2nd grade for 4 years; 3rd for 22 years and elementary music for two years. I greatly enjoy teaching and working with my students.

I would like to welcome your child to third grade. I am expecting a good year ahead as we get to know each other. As you are probably aware, third grade is a very big step up as the children begin assuming a much greater responsibility than in years past, particularly in the organization and completion of their assignments. Following are explanations of classroom procedures, which I feel you should be aware of in order to help your child do his/her best this year.

Grading procedures: The students will be given time to complete their assignments. Any assignments not finished are considered to be homework and will be due the following morning.

Assignments will be graded using standards based grading. Graded papers will be returned to students as soon as possible.

Absences: It is very important for your child to be in school as much as possible. However, in the event of an absence, please call the office and send a note when he/she returns. All missed work will need to be completed and turned in.

Snack Policy: We will be having a snack break every day. Students may bring a water bottle. Try to limit the snacks to **healthy food**. Popcorn, crackers, ½ sandwich, fruit, fresh vegetables, or something similar would be fine. **Reminder: We are a peanut free building.** (Birthday treats may be sweets or healthy.)

Supplies: If you send in school supplies, please make certain that your **child's name** is on EVERYTHING in permanent marker so that there are no disagreements about ownership. (See attached note)

Teaching is more to me than just a job. It is a commitment I take very seriously. My mission as a teacher is to help your child develop a positive self-image and help him/her to reach his or her full potential this year. I hold high expectations for your child and I will do all that I can to help him or her to meet those expectations.

My teaching philosophy is that I don't just teach academics. I teach students-I teach your child. Your child deserves my full respect and understanding, and I will strive to give this to him or her in all interactions. In return I expect cooperation and respect from your child.

I feel it's important to maintain good communication with parents at all times. You are welcome to text, email, or call me at any time (no later than 9 pm please). I will do my best to get back to you as soon as possible. To join my 2020-2021 **Remind** group: Send a text to the number **81010** . **Text this message: @kimri** or go to <https://www.remind.com/kimri> I am glad to have your child in my class, and I am looking forward to a wonderful school year working with you and your child. Between us, I'm sure we can make your son or daughter's experience a complete success.

Sincerely,

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