



# 3F Messenger

Mr. Ford's Third Grade



August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## Welcome

The 2007-2008 school year is off to a great start! I want to welcome you again to third grade. Hopefully you received the letters that were sent home on Wednesday introducing myself and Ms. Sindewald, our IWU student teacher. Copies of the letters can be found on the class website.

We have a great class this year! Already the students seem eager to learn and ready to give their best effort. I am looking forward to many exciting learning adventures with this wonderful group of students.

## Don't Forget

- Curriculum Night is next Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Every student needs to purchase an assignment notebook. We will use this to help students keep track of their assignments and to keep open communication between home and school. Assignment notebooks are \$4. You can pay with cash or by a check payable to Prairieland Elementary.
- Students will also need \$9 to purchase subscriptions to *Time For Kids* magazine and *Illinois Studies Weekly*. Both of these resources will be used to supplement this year's curriculum, especially in social studies. Again, you are welcome to pay by cash or check.
- There is no school on Labor Day, Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- School pictures are scheduled for Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Prairieland Movie Night is this Saturday, August, 25<sup>th</sup>. The event begins at dusk and the movie will be *Cars*.

## What We've Been Up To

Even though we've only been in school for 2 ½ days, we've already done quite a bit. Here is a list of some the things that have been going on in 3F so far this year. Have your student tell you more details about some or all of the items on the list.

- ✓ Past, Present, Future sharing
- ✓ Name Bingo
- ✓ Class Puzzle
- ✓ Teacher Test
- ✓ Science Skills activities
- ✓ Reading Assessment
- ✓ Guess Who?
- ✓ Team Building – birthday order without talking
- ✓ Classroom Rules – Respect Zone
- ✓ Birthday Banners
- ✓ Read Aloud – "Project Mulberry"
- ✓ Book Buddies

We've got a lot more exciting things to come this year. We will gradually increase expectations and responsibilities over the next few weeks.

## Other Notes

- Students are welcome to bring a water bottle to class. That way they can get drinks of water without having to go to the drinking fountain. The water bottles must have a secure cap. I also suggest that students bring the bottles home each weekend to be cleaned.

