

August 20, 2007



Dear

Are you excited to start the school year? I am and I can't wait to meet you. My name is Mr. Ford and I'll be your 3rd grade teacher this year. We are going to have a great year of learning. This summer I spent a lot of time with my two year old son Noah and my wife. I also took a class for teachers at ISU and worked at the Bloomington Public Library. How was your summer? I bet you were busy as well.

The school year is beginning soon and I want to welcome you to my class. I also wanted to let you know that we will have a student teacher named Ms. Sindewald in our class for the first part of the year. She is a student at IWU and is studying to become a teacher. We are going to have an outstanding year.

I have an assignment for you to start thinking about. I would like you to bring in two items that you can use to tell the class a little about your past, your present, and your future (6 items all together). Ms. Sindewald and I will do examples on the first day of school. Then you will share your items on the next day. The assignment will not be due until the first full day of school (Thursday the 23rd) and we will discuss it more in class. For now, just start thinking of what items you can bring to tell the class about yourself.

Don't forget to bring your school supplies as soon as you can. You'll need them for all the great activities we'll do in class. I believe learning is important for everyone, so I hope you come to school ready to try new things and learn every day. If you would like, you can check out our class website at www.mrford.org. You can see some things my class did last year. Soon I will be updating the website for the new year.

I'm happy to have you in my class this year. I can't wait to meet you on Wednesday, August 22nd for the first ½ day of school. Our classroom is room #48. It is in the 3rd grade commons, down the long hallway that goes by the gym. This year our classroom code is 3F (3=3rd grade, F=Ford). See you on Wednesday!



Sincerely,
Mr. Ford