

August 2013

Dear Third Graders and Families,

Wow! How the summer has flown by! I am SO excited to be your teacher this year! I have a wonderful classroom just waiting for you!

My name is Mrs. Reis and this will be my fourth year of teaching. I graduated from Iowa State University in 2010 and taught my first two years in first grade in West Des Moines, IA. Last year was my first year at Dakota Valley as a third grade teacher and I can't wait for many more years! My summer was very busy! I graduated with my Masters from Viterbo University as well as got married and changed my name from Miss Grote to Mrs. Reis! In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy reading, traveling, dancing, playing piano, exercising, sand volleyball, swimming, and playing with my dog Mia. I am really looking forward to getting this school year started!

Tuesday, August 13th, from 6:30-7:30pm will be an exciting evening! This will be the time you will get to come tour our building and find our classroom. We will be spending our time learning in room C106 this year. Bring with you all of your school supplies so you will not have so many things to carry on our first day of school! **Please, don't worry about labeling anything ahead of time, we'll take care of that together.**

When you get to our room, I will be very anxious to meet you! If I am visiting with another one of our friends when you get there, don't worry...I will get to you as soon as I can! It is important to me that I get to meet EVERYONE! I will have an agenda for you just outside our door.

On the first day of school, since your backpack will be pretty empty, I have a special request. I would like you to find a special item (such as a toy, stuffed animal, trophy, etc.) to bring to school to share with the class. My only rule is that your item must fit into your backpack! These items will help me to get to know you a little better, and don't worry I'll bring my favorite item so you can get to know me too!

I cannot tell you how excited I am to meet you! We are going to learn so many fantastic things, and we will have so much fun together!

See you soon!

Mrs. Reis