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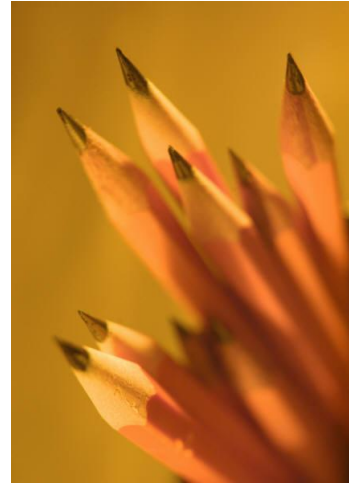
Dear Third Graders,

Welcome to the Third Grade! This year will be a great adventure, and I look forward to meeting all of you in the fall!

This coming year will be my first year of teaching at BCS. I graduated from Calvin College in 2010 and spent 6 months working as a missionary in Malawi, Africa before moving to Seattle with my husband. If you are interested, you can read about our time in Malawi in our online journal at <http://pevestal.wordpress.com/>.

Our supply list will look a bit different this year. God calls us to be stewards of this earth, and so we will start the school year by taking a look at what supplies you already have and discussing what we actually need for the year. Therefore, on the first day of school or on August 26th at 1:00 p.m. (campus visit day), please bring:

- A backpack
- A lunchbox
- \$20.00 activity fee – check made out to BCS
- Any supplies left over from last year that are in good condition (ex. Colored pencils, pencil box, clipboard, oil pastels, etc.)
- Please e-mail me three favorite close-up photos of yourself. [pevestal@gmail.com](mailto:pevestal@gmail.com)
- **New students** need a spiral 8 ½”x11” sketch pad for art class
- *If you want, you may bring ear buds or headphones for use in computer lab to cut down on the noise. If you have them, great! If not, we don't need them. ☺*



At the start of the school year, we will talk together about our wants and needs and compile a shopping list for our remaining supplies. Then, we will look through shopping ads and plan a shopping trip where we will shop for our remaining supplies. Please send your child with \$5.00 for the remaining supplies. Not only will this be a lesson in stewardship, but we will also learn about budgeting money, counting change, and the importance of caring for our resources!

Please consider bringing a reusable water bottle to school, which can be sent home every Friday for washing.

I hope that you all enjoy your summer break and use it to enjoy God's creation and spend time with your family. I'll look forward to hearing all about your adventures when we meet in the fall!

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Vestal

P.S. – Spend some time every day reading, and tell me about a good book in the fall!