Welcome to Mrs. Fleming’s Third Grade

We will embark on an exciting adventure of learning this year. Please keep in mind that this will have to be a collaborative effort from myself, parents and students focusing on the primary goal of education.

**Teacher, Student, and Parent Expectations**

* **Communication** is very important. I will communicate with you digitally by sending **weekly newsletters and any other class announcements through REMIND**. Please see the REMIND sign up instructions included in this information. I need an up to date email address and current cell phone number for every parent.  **It is imperative for you to read the weekly bulletins and check your child’s folder daily.** Communication is key for student success. My email address is [efleming@mcpss.com](mailto:efleming@mcpss.com).
* **Discipline** is crucial in order to have a safe and comfortable learning environment. Classroom expectations are based on mutual respect and responsibility. Conduct will be recorded weekly for a final grade at the end of the quarter. To ensure all students are working in a safe and orderly learning environment, we will follow the discipline plan during remote learning.
  + **Expectations\***
    - We listen to and follow directions the first time they are given.
    - We share and take turns.
    - We listen to and treat each other with kindness and respect.
      * …including being a responsible digital citizen.
    - We follow all school wide rules.
* **Rewards** will be given. They will be in the form of: **praise, positive notes and phone calls home, and special privileges.**
* **Consequences** will be administered if your child makes a choice not to abide by the expectations above, he/she will receive the following consequences
  + **First Offense**- warning and review expectations
  + **Second Offense**- review expectations and parent contact
  + **Third Offense**- behavior plan and/or office referral
    - NOTE: Fighting, profanity, and severe disruptions will be sent to the principal immediately. A discipline ticket or office referral will be completed and sent home to be signed.
* **Attendance** is important. The bell rings at 8:15 and we begin our learning promptly at 8:15 as well. **Tardiness and early dismissals disrupt the learning environment.** If your child must miss school for some reason, please send me a note that I will keep on file to document their absence. If a note is not received within three (3) school days it is marked “unexcused” on your child’s record. After eight (8) parent note absences all absences are marked “unexcused” unless a doctor’s excuse is sent to school. After fifteen (15) “tardies” and excessive “unexcused” absences MCPSS refers families to the “Early Warning Truancy Program”. If your child has a chronic illness, please make sure appropriate paperwork is on file in the school office.
* **Breakfast** will be served daily until the bell rings at 8:15. If your child arrives after 8:15, please make sure they have eaten breakfast.
* **Snack time** will be daily. Please make sure you send your child with a snack and a drink.
* **Homework** will be given out for the students to complete. Please encourage your child to do their best and complete their homework each night.

Studies have shown that parental involvement in a child’s education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. We hope you will make it a priority this year to attend as many school-sponsored events as possible. Again, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I am looking forward to a terrific year!

Please read and discuss all of the above information with your child so that they are aware of the expectations for them as a student.