***Welcome to Third Grade!***

***Mrs. Shepler’s Class 2016-2017***

Hello! My name is Leah Shepler and here is a little bit of information about myself. After graduating high school I attended Marshall University where I received my Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education PK-6 and also two Master’s degrees, one in Reading Education and one in Preschool Special Education. I spent my first two teaching years at Belington Elementary School in Barbour County as a Title I Reading Specialist and have been a part of the Jennings Randolph Elementary staff for the last 8 years. I am married and I have a 7-year-old son named Isaac and a 3-year-old son named Rocco, along with three dogs, Sugar, Shay, and Windy. I am very excited about teaching third grade and am looking forward to getting to know you and your child. I would like to go over some things with you to ensure that we are all on the same page and will get off to a great start:

**Schedule**: School opens at 7:50 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 8:25, please be sure to be on time. We get started on our work first thing every day, so it is important that your child is well rested and on time.

**Class Dojo**: Positive behavior will also be rewarded throughout the day by earning points through class dojo. When students display appropriate school behavior, they have the opportunity to earn positive behavior points. These points may be redeemed for rewards daily, or saved to use another day. A student can lose Class Dojo points for things such as, but not limited to, incomplete homework and inappropriate school behaviors.

**Discipline Plan**: As a class, we will be devising a set of rules. I will send a list of these rules home and ask that you and your child go over them together and sign them. In order to have a pleasant learning environment, the following consequences will be given for breaking the rules:

\*The first inappropriate behavior will receive a verbal warning.

\*The second inappropriate behavior will receive a visual reminder. (Card moved from green to yellow and 5 minutes off of recess.)

\*The third inappropriate behavior will result in their card being moved from yellow to orange and they will lose 10 minutes of recess.

\*The fourth inappropriate behavior will result in their card being moved from orange to red and will result in losing 15 minutes of recess and a visit to Mrs. Chenoweth’s office.

**R.E.A.C.H.:** The REACH program is being implemented for the first time this year schoolwide to encourage positive and appropriate behavior in our school. Students are learning appropriate school behaviors and those that continually display these behaviors will receive a REACH AM and/or REACH PM point through Class Dojo. You can connect to your child’s classroom in Class Dojo to keep track of their REACH points. In order to earn your REACH points, students must display the following behaviors:

**Respect-** Respect your teacher, your peers, and the class/school rules at all time.

**Effort­-** Pay attention, listen carefully, and always do your best!

**Attitude-** Be positive, kind, helpful, and courteous. Keep negative comments to yourself.

**Cooperation-** Be willing to work with anyone. Share.

**Honesty-** Always tell the truth

**Student of the Week**: Our classroom has a “Student of the Week” bulletin board. Each week, a different student will be highlighted. I will send a note home with your child the week before he/she is our “Student of the Week.” You will be asked to send in any pictures that you have of your child with his/her family, pets, hobbies, or sports during his/her week. I will hang the pictures on the bulletin board and fill in his/her favorite things. This will help make your child feel even more special than we already know that they are. I promise that I will send the pictures back to you as soon as the week is over, unharmed.

**Important Papers Folder/Homework Folder:** **Homework is expected to be completed and turned in the next day. The only homework paper in which more time is given is the weekly Comprehension Reading Questions.** The Comprehension Reading Questions will be given to each student on Friday the week before and are due on the following Thursday. I encourage you to work on this a little each night, it would be quite time consuming to try to do in one night. Please be sure to empty your student’s folder each night if there are papers on the Keep Home side.

**Agenda Books**: Please be sure to **check and sign** your child’s agenda book each evening. I can’t stress how important this is because we will use this as a tool to communicate back and forth. Also, please be sure that you child has completed any homework. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 304-636-9181 between 8:00-8:15 or between 12:40-1:20. I look forward to a wonderful year!

*Sincerely,*

*Mrs. Leah Shepler*