

Welcome to Third Grade!

It will not be long before you will enter a new school year! I pray that you have had a restful summer, and I can't wait to start the new school year. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little more about myself. Pastor Michael Popp is my husband. He is the Associate Pastor at Grace Lutheran and very active with the school. I have two boys, Peyton (freshman at Florida State University) and Addison (12th grade at Fletcher High School). I love reading, playing all sports, coaching, spending time with my family, going to the beach, and eating Italian food and anything with peanut butter. We have two cats in our family. They are Ryno and Maddux (after very much loved Chicago Cubs' players). I have spent most of my life in the Midwest (Iowa, Illinois, and Nebraska), before moving to Jacksonville 14 years ago. In addition to serving as the 3rd grade teacher here at Grace, I am also the Athletic Director.

We will be doing many exciting activities this year and learning many new things. This year we will concentrate on becoming better writers, learning multiplication and division, and cursive handwriting. We will complete a few different research projects throughout the year when we study penguins, presidents, and other historical people. We will read a beloved classic, *Charlotte's Web*, and bring the book to life with a puppet show. We will get to witness the gift of life as we learn about embryology through the hatching of chickens. You will also learn to use an assignment planner to manage your daily homework assignments; this will help you grow into a mature, responsible student.

The most exciting thing about third grade is when you receive your Bible. We will learn how to use them, and we will use them every day. Through this you will continue to grow in your faith and see how God's plan of salvation has unfolded, and how He has worked, and is working, in your life. I pray that you will then spread that same wonderful message to the people you meet.

I will be integrating home visits as a part of my ministry at Grace. This is a more intimate meeting between me, the student, and parents where you can ask all the questions you want and don't feel rushed doing it. I will be sending an email to schedule these visits. Orientation is scheduled for August 8th at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. You may bring in school supplies at that time if you wish. The first day of school is August 12th! I am already looking forward to it! Have a great rest of the summer!

God's Blessings,

Mrs. Popp