

Dear Third Grader,

August 2017

Wow, that sounds great - a Third Grader!!!

Welcome to Room 208. I am very excited to be starting the new school year in Room 208 with you!

Third grade is wonderful. This year you and I will be learning about so many new things. I include myself because 3rd grade will be using the **Learning Commons** often. It will be fun learning **together**. It seems that each week I learn something new about technology. We will learn about **plants** and **space**. We study about **explorers** and how **people** move from place to place. We read lots and lots of **fairy tales**. We use a variety of writing styles. We create our own webpages. We work with many forms of multiplication. We do lots of performing on stage and in the classroom. Finally, we love the **prairie**.



How was your summer? I moved from Chicago to Evanston. I also moved some of my belongings to my house in Michigan. I like to garden in Michigan. I went to the East **Coast** for three weeks. The best thing was that the inn where I stayed had a **pool**. I think it is fun that the word **coast** has several very different meanings.



coast

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noun

1. the part of the land near the sea; the edge of the land.
"the west coast of Africa"
synonyms: **seaboard**, coastal region, **coastline**, **seashore**, **shore**, **foreshore**, **shoreline**, **seaside**, **waterfront**, **littoral**; *literary strand*
"the houses along the coast"

2. a run or movement in or on a vehicle without the use of power.

verb

1. (of a person or vehicle) move easily without using power.
"the engines stopped, and the craft coasted along"
2. sail along the coast, especially in order to carry cargo.
"a coasting schooner"

Also, I went to Saint Louis, MO to see the **solar** eclipse at 100% coverage. My brother flew to STL from Washington D.C. I met him there for two days of thinking about the sun, thinking about the Gateway Arch, and thinking about St. Louis style pizza.

You do have homework for the first day of school. I know, I know, school hasn't even started and Mr. Truman is **already** giving homework. I promise it will be **fun**. Your assignment is to think of an **interesting** word - perhaps a new word to you, a word you learned during a summer adventure, or a word that you already know but think others might find unique. It is usually best if your word is a noun, a thing. My word from this summer is **hod**. I used my father's favorite gardening hod to collect the vegetables and fruits that I harvested from my **garden** in Michigan. I like learning new words especially while on vacation. Also, learning new words helps me play Words with Friends which is a fun game I play on Facebook.

Write your word down on a piece of paper and bring it to school on the first day of school. You need to be prepared to explain the meaning of the word to your new classmates.

All the best,

Mr. Truman

