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|  | **Frank Fowler Dow School No. 52**  100 Farmington Road,  Rochester, New York 14609  Phone (585) 482-9614 Fax (585) 654-1079  www.rcsdk12.org/52 | Dr. Mary Ferguson  Principal  Mary.Ferguson@rcsdk12.org |

**Hello Third Grade Families,**

I am looking forward to being your child’s third-grade teacher. I have been a Rochester City School District teacher for 19 years. I have a passion for working with third graders!

I am looking forward to creating a supportive learning environment. I will support you and your child; we can make this a great academic year together!

Third grade is a transition year. Students at this age are expected to handle higher academic expectations. The first is that ‘kids read to learn” instead of ‘learning to read.’ Reading passages get more challenging. Sentences are longer. Vocabulary words are more demanding. Math concepts, such as multiplication facts—require memorization and complex thought. Teachers expect 3rd-grade students to be more accountable for their education by communicating their opinion and ideas and devising strategies for learning that work best for them.

Open lines of communication between the parent, student, and teacher are the key to promoting an educational climate conducive to learning. I will be using **DOJO** as one of my forms of communication. I am looking forward to working with you and your child. Together we can make this year a joyous learning adventure!

Please feel free to contact me at any time if there is a question or concern you would like to discuss. I look forward to building a relationship with you and your child and thus providing the best education I can give.

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Dixon**

[**JNita.Dixon@rcsdk12.org**](mailto:JNita.Dixon@rcsdk12.org)

**Room 203**

**Mrs. Dixon Supplies List**

I am excited about your child being part of our classroom community! We have a fantastic journey ahead of us, and we must be equipped for the experience with a few supplies. Your child should have these basic supplies available daily in class.

The following is a list of school supplies that your child will need:

**Qty. Item Description**

1 Pencil case

2 Packs Pencils - #2

1 Highlighter (yellow)

1 box of Crayola colored pencils (12 pack)

4 Elmer's glue sticks

1 Crayons - Crayola, 24 pack (regular size)

3 Folder - 2 pocket, (blue, yellow, green)

1 Post-it Notes, 3x3, 100 count

2 Dry-erase markers; **BLACK ONLY** (we will use these daily for Math)

1 Set of headphones (these will be used daily for individual computer learning time)

1 Container of disinfecting wipes

1 Box of Kleenex

**NO BINDERS PLEASE**

***Thank you for your support in setting up your child for a successful year! Please contact me if you have any questions.***