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Dear Future Third Grader,

It is hard to believe that another school year has come and gone! Now, you will be third graders at Wolford. We are so excited to have you come up to third grade! We want to share some things with you as you prepare for your next school year.

There will be many new things that you will learn next year. In math you will learn multiplication and division, geometry, fractions, and many strategies for problem solving. We will be working with measurement, including measuring distance in the upcoming year. If you take a road trip, pay attention to the mile markers and keep a log of the number of miles you travel. You will learn reading strategies to assist you in understanding both fiction and nonfiction stories as well as taking a closer look at poetry. There will be science activities that will allow you to make your own volcano and science projects that will provide you with an opportunity to research and share your knowledge of objects or concepts related to our solar system. (If you head to a planetarium this summer, design a Prezi or write a reflection about your experience!) In social studies you will learn about heroes, economics, and your local government, culminating in a mayoral election. Writing will be a focus in third grade. You will be going through the multi-step process of writing, editing, and publishing stories. You will also learn to take notes and to research. Because of its importance, writing will be incorporated into all subject areas. These are just a few things you have to look forward to next year.

So, as you can see, third grade will be a very busy year for you. Enjoy your break, but remember that there are plenty of things you can do to prepare for the coming school year. Read! Read! Read! Keep a daily journal. Track the places you visit this summer on a map. When you return to school, we are going to make a graph of all of the places third graders visited over the summer. Who knows, maybe you had to travel the farthest to reach your destination!

We look forward to the new school year with each and every one of you. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in August!

The Third Grade Teachers