

August 14, 2008

Dear Parents,

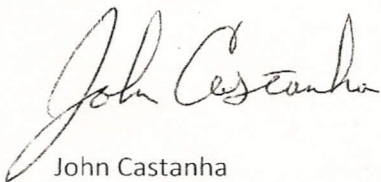
I would like to welcome you and your child into my classroom for the 2008/2009 school year. My goal for the year is for students to enjoy learning at school. I achieve this goal by being a dependable and comfortable teacher. I also teach in a structured way with many exciting activities to present the subject matter.

Although I'm starting my 20<sup>th</sup> year teaching third grade, I'm still very excited about the upcoming year. School District 70 is implementing a new grading software program which promises to increase home – school communication. We are also integrating technology into the classroom with interactive Prometeian boards.

There are two changes that you need to be aware of are planners and snacks. Third graders receive a daily planner. In this planner they communicate to the home about assignments and happenings at school. Please sign at the bottom of each day that you have seen and checked your child's work. Snack time is also different. Instead of bringing snack for the entire class about once a month, students bring their own choice of snack each day. Please keep the snacks healthy, bring only water to drink, and no sharing or begging of snacks.

Please feel free to visit with me informally before or after school, call me at school 489-2272, call me at home 489-2364, or email me at [jcastanha@district70.org](mailto:jcastanha@district70.org) with any questions or concerns that may arise during the year. Again, I'm glad your child is in my class and look forward to a happy, productive year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Castanha". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Castanha