

# Welcome to Room 17!



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the wonderful world of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! I just love teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade because of the fabulous curriculum and the amazing maturity the children go through at this age. I am sure that your child is eager to begin a new year and that you are anxious to obtain all the details about your child's new grade. This week I will focus on establishing classroom expectations and procedures with your children. I realize that you may be inundated with informational hand-outs and forms to fill out this week, so I have limited my correspondence to this letter, a little info about me, and a Parent Questionnaire. Next week I will be sending home further classroom information and forms for you. This year we will again be utilizing a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade website in order to be Earth friendly. Please check out our site at [www.meadows3rdgrade.weebly.com](http://www.meadows3rdgrade.weebly.com). We hope it will be very helpful for you!

I believe that frequent and open communication between home and school greatly contributes to the success of each child. I will keep you informed about the happenings at school, and I hope you will contact me anytime you have a question, concern, or information about your child that you wish to share with me. It is in this spirit that I am sending home a Parent Questionnaire. As your child's parent and primary teacher, you hold a wealth of knowledge about your child. Your responses to these will help me to best meet the unique needs of your child. **Please complete and return this confidential form no later than Friday, September 1.** Thanks in advance for this information!

In order to make communicating easier, I would like you to e-mail me ([jmascari@mbusd.org](mailto:jmascari@mbusd.org)) the following information:

1. Child's name
2. Your name
3. E-mail address or addresses where you'd like to receive correspondence from me

Once I have all of this information I can begin sending correspondence out via e-mail.

Thanks!

I am always so pleased with the level of parent involvement in our supportive community. There will be many opportunities for parent helpers both in and out of the classroom. Soon I will be sending home a form for you to fill out indicating how and when you might like to volunteer.

Many parents have already asked me what would be beneficial for our classroom community. Under my page on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Website you'll find a short "Wish List" of items that will change throughout the year. Thanks ahead of time for anything you can donate! ☺

Once again, welcome to third grade. I look forward to partnering with you during this special time in your child's life. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. My number is 546-8033 X5617 and my e-mail is [jmascari@mbusd.org](mailto:jmascari@mbusd.org). I also look forward to seeing you at Back-to-School Night which is Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Cheers to a fabulous year!

Sincerely,  
*Jenn Mascari*

# Meet the Teacher

Welcome to Third Grade ☺ My name is Mrs. Mascari (sounds like Scary) and I am **THRILLED** to be your teacher this year! I grew up in Westchester (right next to LAX) in a family of four. I have one sibling, a younger brother, Jeff, who is a Professor at Syracuse University. His students call him Dr. Good because that was my last name before I got married. I attended Loyola Marymount University...**GO LIONS!** I was originally an Art History major but switched to Liberal Studies because I knew that my true passion was teaching. I spent my first 3 years teaching in the Wiseburn School District at Peter Burnett Elementary. This is my ~~six+00~~<sup>six+00</sup>th year teaching at **Meadows**. I have taught 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade during my 19 year career, but 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is by far my favorite!

I have been married for 15 years. **Marco** (who is a CTO at UCLA) and I have two kiddos. **Nick** is 11 and will be a 5<sup>th</sup> grader this year. **Mady** is 8 and will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader (the **BEST** grade to be in). They both go to school near our home in the Wiseburn School District. They're first day of school is August 30<sup>th</sup>!

## A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

**SPORT:** Running (see the fun fact below)  
**COLOR:** Purple  
**DRINK:** WATER!! But also Latte from Starbucks or Coffee Bean ☺  
**RESTAURANT:** CPK with the family, TIN ROOF or MANGIAMOS for date night  
**FAST FOOD:** El Pollo Loco, Chicken Maison, and Five Guys  
**ANIMAL:** Elephants  
**PLACE:** Disneyland - I LOVE everything Disney!  
**HOBBIES:** Working out, making crafts, spending time with my family and friends.

**Fun Fact:** I started running 6 years ago. Since then I have run 2 full marathons (26.2 miles), 25 half marathons (13.1 miles) and a whole lot of 5 & 10K's. My running partner is Mrs. Jones (Kinder teacher). I have more races planned for this school year, including 4 more half marathons in 2017!

I can't wait to spend the year learning, growing, and working with each family to make this year **SUCCESSFUL!**

♥ Mrs. Mascari