

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello and welcome to the 2021 – 2022 school year! My name is Michelle Digman, and I am your child's third grade teacher. I am excited for the Third-Grade curriculum this year, as it will engage and motivate your child on wanting to learn. I am looking forward to seeing tremendous growth in your child's academic skills. My goal is to motivate and teach your child the skills, strategies, and knowledge to become a successful lifelong learner.

2021 – 2022 starts my sixteenth year of teaching, and my sixth year in District 11! This is my second year at Vera G. Scott Elementary School. Previously, I taught third and fourth grade at Christa McAuliffe Elementary for four years. Before coming to Colorado, I taught in Florida for over ten years from grades Pre-K to 12th. I was also a Testing Coordinator for three years in Pinellas County Schools. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education K-6 and a Master's Degree in Reading Education K-12. I am currently enrolled in my Doctorate Program in Education Leadership.

Scott Elementary is committed to provide your child with a motivating and safe environment, where your child will learn. In order to guarantee your child, and all the students in the classroom an excellent learning climate, expectations and goals must be in place. Children must be taught to take responsibility for their academics and behaviors. I want your child to be respectful, responsible, cooperative, positive, and successful in the classroom. You, as a parent/guardian, are expected to support your child's learning and guide him/her to be successful at school. I am committed to working with and guiding your child through the learning process of the third-grade curriculum. To be successful in the class, your child needs to attend school every day, maintain passing grades, and show growth in learning. Grades are given by participation and effort, which includes classwork, projects, homework, and assessments. (Please refer to the class syllabus.)

Stay connected and actively engaged with what's happening in your child's education! Download the *Remind* app to get notices about your child's classwork/homework, as well as reminders and events that are happening in the classroom and school. The code to join the class is **digman2122**. There is also a teacher webpage for you to refer to throughout the school year. (Link posted below and on the Scott website.) District 11 has made ways for parents, and students, to access grades, attendance, have direct communication from the District and School, and much more. Download the *CSSD11 app* on your smart device or computer. (<https://www.d11.org/> - The app is in the bottom left corner.) *Parent Power School* is a new program (which replaces Parent Q Connections) for parents and students to have access to class grades and attendance. (<https://d11.powerschool.com/public/home.html>) I encourage you to use these programs to monitor and support your child's education. Also, join the PTA and SAC groups at Scott Elementary!

I know we are going to have a successful year, and I am certain that your child will enjoy third grade at Vera G. Scott Elementary School. Your child will learn strategies in all subjects that will help the transition into third grade, and prepare him/her for all state mandated assessments. With your child's commitment to my class and your supported help, I can guarantee improvement with your child's grades and attitude in education. Please, feel free to contact me with questions or concerns of your child's academics. Let me know how I can help support you and your child with his/her learning. If you would like to meet with me to discuss more about your child and his/her education, contact me by either email, on *Remind*, or call my classroom number to set up a conference appointment with a 24-hours advance notice. Thank you for your continuing support, and welcome to the Third Grade Wolf Pack!



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Sincerely,

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