Meet the Third Grade Team

ELA 207
Hello, my name is Mrs. Moderski and I will be teaching English Language Arts for third grade this year. This will be my seventh year teaching at Southwark, and third year teaching third grade. I have previously taught first and second grade. I have my Masters Degree in Literacy and my Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education. I currently live in South Philadelphia with my husband, son and dog Lucy.

My name is Tiffany Brogden and I am so excited to teach 3rd grade this year. I support Esol students in learning English as a second language. I have been teaching for 20 years and this will be my 15th year at Southwark Elementary. I attended Holy Family University and obtained a Masters Degree in elementary education. Also, I attended Walden University and obtained a Masters Degree in Esol. I am currently attending LaSalle University studying Special Education. I currently live in South Philadelphia and have a Pomeranian named Bella.

Science & Social Studies 209
Hello families! My name is Mary Chrusch. I will be teaching Social Studies and Science for third grade. This will be my 17th year teaching with 14 of those being at Southwark. I have a degree in History in addition to my K-8 teaching certificate and a Masters Degree in Instructional Media. I love learning about history and cultures, gardening, taking walks in nature, and caring for my cats and chickens.

Math 201
Hello my name is Mrs. Dowling. I will be teaching Math this upcoming school year. I have been at Southwark for the last eight years and I’m excited for another year. In 3rd grade, we will dive right into multiplication and division so it’s really important that your child be fluent in adding and subtracting. Knowing these facts will be very beneficial and make it easier in learning their multiplication facts. Flash cards are a great tool for this and would be great to practice over the summer. Addition & Subtraction Flash cards can be purchased from many places and for not a lot of money.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are very excited about the upcoming school year. As the parent/guardian you will play a very important role in your child’s success. By working together, we can give your child the best chance to succeed in school. Below is a list of school supplies that your child will need for the upcoming school year.

- 1 box of crayons
- 2 boxes of #2 Ticonderoga pencils **sharpened**
- 1 pack of Expo dry erase markers
- 1 plastic folder
- 1 pencil pouch/box (canvas or plastic)
- Marble Copybooks:
  - 1 for Social Studies
  - 1 for Science
  - 1 ELA
- Flash cards: Multiplication and division (for math)
- Headphones for computer
- 2 boxes of Kleenex tissues
- 1 container of Lysol disinfecting wipes
- 1 pack of baby wipes
- 1 big bottle of Purell instant hand sanitizer
- 1 Large Roll of Paper Towels

We can’t wait to have an amazing year!

❤️ Third Grade Teachers