

Dear Parents,

My name is Christina Dudley and I will be your child's third grade teacher this year. I am looking forward to an exciting and successful school year with your child. In order for our school year to be one of growth and successful learning, I feel it is necessary to tell you a few things about myself—both personally and professionally.

My family was military so I grew up in various parts of the world. I love to travel during the summers. My Dad retired here in San Antonio so I went to the University of Texas at San Antonio for my Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Teaching). After graduating from UTSA I went to Houston to teach at Woodland Acres Elementary in Galena Park. I taught 4 years in Houston, then I moved back to San Antonio. This will be my ninth year of teaching and my sixth year at Steubing. I love to work on the computer making graphics and scrapbooking as well as playing games. I spend most of my time at home reading as well as watching TV and going to the movies.

This school year is going to be an exciting and challenging one with students using more technology skills in the classroom. Students will be involved in using computers to make presentations in class, learning research skills and reinforcing concepts. We will also be encouraging students to strive for strong reading skills and math skills as third graders will be taking the TAKS Test. Third graders also need to pass the TAKS Reading Test in order to be promoted to Fourth Grade, therefore it is extremely important to read nightly with your child.

We will be learning many new Math concepts this year. Multiplication, division and problem solving are just a few. Science includes the environment, matter, simple machines and space. Native Americans, communities, exploration and government will be topics studied in Social Studies. Since so many things will be happening throughout the year, I will keep you updated through a newsletter that will be coming home every month. You may also find out about our school and my classroom on the Internet at our Steubing website or my own website at <http://www.tinadudley.com/teach.html> .

Parents are the most important people in a child's life, and we need to work together for the benefit of your child. I need you to support my academic, homework, and discipline efforts here at school. In return, I will keep you informed about your child. With school and home working together, I know that each and every student can have his or her most successful school year yet. I am looking forward to meeting you personally at our "Back to School Night Presentation."

Sincerely,

*Christina Dudley*

