

Welcome to



Dear 3rd Grader & Families,

By now you have heard the news! Very soon, we will be spending a great deal of time together! Welcome to 3rd grade and, more specifically, welcome to OUR 3rd grade! You are a member of the co-taught classroom! This means that you will have two teachers this year! We will both teach and work with each of you throughout the year. We are also lucky enough to have an intern in our classroom. Her name is Katey Duchin. She is a graduate student from Brandeis University studying to become a teacher. She will be in our classroom all year working with students.

You are an important member of our classroom. Together, we will all work hard to build a community where all children are motivated to succeed, encouraged to take risks, and challenged to do their best.

Meet Your Teachers!

Mrs. Couture:

I am very excited to start my 13th year of teaching in Newton! Last year was my first year at Cabot. Before joining the Cabot community, I taught at Horace Mann for 11 years as a Learning Center Teacher in grades K-5. I graduated from Northeastern University and later earned my masters degree in special education from Lesley University. I live in Natick with my husband, Craig, and our 3 boys (Gus: 5th grade, Willy & Charlie: 4th grade). We have several fish, including a red-tailed shark!

Mrs. Bischof

I am very excited to start my sixth year of teaching! Last year was my first year at Cabot and I feel very lucky to be part of such an awesome school community. Before I moved to Massachusetts last year, I taught 4th grade for four years in Virginia. I graduated from Virginia Tech and received my Master's in both Elementary & Special Education from the University of Virginia (despite being loyal to the Virginia Tech Hokies). I live in Cambridge with my husband and our Goldendoodle, Mosby.

Parents and families, please read the attached pages carefully and enjoy these final moments of summer.

Sincerely,

Blair Bischof & Lucy Couture
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Lucy_couture@newton.k12.ma.us

***We request that you email both teachers whenever you send emails*
It helps keep us in sync with caring for our students.**

Helpful information to get the year started:

- **Specials:** Specials will start the first week of school so please remind your child to bring or wear sneakers on Mondays and Thursdays.

Our Specials Schedule

Monday: Recorder and PE

Tuesday: Library

Wednesday: Music

Thursday: PE

Friday: Art

- **Supplies:** Everything your child will need has been ordered. However, if you wish to donate to the classroom, the following items would be greatly appreciated:

Tissues

Hand sanitizer

Snack, Sandwich, or gallon ziplock bags

Glue sticks

Post-it notes

*Bath mat (many students love having the option to work where they'd like using their personal bath mat)

- **Take Home Folder:** Your child will be responsible for transporting their Take Home Folder (provided at school) to and from school each day. This is where you will see completed work and any important fliers or forms. Please get in the habit of checking your child's folder and returning it to school daily.

Permission to post pictures on class Instagram/Twitter account:

To share photos of our learning with you, we will have a class social media page. The account will be 100% private and only parents of students in the class will be accepted as followers. It is a great way to get a peek at what your learners are up to.

As soon as we have received permission slips, we will notify you of the account so you can follow us!

Please complete and return to school.

Student's name: _____

I, _____, give permission for photos of my child to be posted on Bischof/Couture social media account.

OR

I do not give permission for photos to be posted of my child.

YOU'RE THE EXPERT

Dear Parents & Students,

Please complete this form together and return it to your teachers as soon as possible.

Student's Full Name _____

Preferred name _____

Birth date _____ Current Age _____

STUDENT:

My favorite subject is _____

Why? _____

My most challenging subject is _____

Why? _____

This year, I would like to learn about _____

My family can help me most this year by _____

My teachers can help most this year by _____

My interests outside of school include _____

PARENT:

My child's strengths are _____

My child needs help with _____

This year, I would like my child to _____

We would really like Mrs. Bischof & Mrs. Couture to know that _____

Parent Contact Information

Parents/Guardians: _____

Best phone number(s): _____

Parent emails: _____

I prefer to be contacted by.... (circle one) phone / via email.

Student Dismissal Plan

(If your child rides the bus, please include the name of the bus)

Mondays: _____

Tuesdays: _____

Wednesdays: _____

Thursdays: _____

Fridays: _____

***Please remember any changes to dismissal must be submitted in
School Pass by 1:00PM that day***