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Dear Student,

Hi! This is a letter to introduce myself. I am Mrs. Sharron Posey and I will be your third grade teacher this year. This will be my 11th year to teach at Double Springs Elementary. I do have a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. My husband's name is Mark Posey and I have two daughters, Chelsea and Holly. They are going into sixth and eighth grade. We have two horses named Fury and Dixie, our dog Rosco, and one Siamese cat named Sugar.

I was so delighted to see your name on my class list. We have 18 students in all of our classrooms this year. Third grade is a lot of fun. We do many things by cooperating rather than competing with each other. On the first day, you, your classmates, and I will work together to make up our classroom rules, rewards, and consequences.

There are many new things to learn about reading in third grade. You will learn about the *Fabulous Four Comprehension Strategies* during Reading Workshop. You will also learn about different genres (jon-ruh-z) of reading materials and the best way to understand each one. Some examples are fiction, nonfiction, poetry, biographies, mysteries, and joke and riddles. We will write during Writing Workshop using these genres as well. You will love writing workshop. Your writing will improve and your vocabulary will become quite mature.

In Math Investigations, you will learn how to think and write about math. We will play math games such as *10 and 100 more or less* to help with third grade addition and subtraction. We will play *Tabby Cat* to help us learn how to multiply and divide. You will become quite the mathematician with all the new learning you will have. I will bet that you already know that there is more than one way to arrive at the same answer.

Throughout the year in Red Hot Science Class, you and your parents will sign a safety contract and then, we will put on our safety goggles, get out our magnifying glasses and test all kinds of different mystery substances. We will become geologists and look for minerals in rocks. We will construct a leg and arm model to check out the way our skeletons and muscular system works. We will also become meteorologists and predict the weather.

Wow! Did you know that third grade could be so much fun? There is a whole lot more, too! Of course, this all takes time and lots of hard work on your part.

**Your teacher,
Mrs. Sharron Posey**

P.S. *I am nice.*