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Dear Parents,

 I can’t believe another school year has come to an end! Third grade is a time of great growth. Can you believe how comfortable your child is with multiplication and division? There are a lot of paper and pencil tasks that can measure the growth they have made, but more importantly they have matured as people. Problem solving skills, social skills, and independent work habits are only a few areas where growth is not as measurable, but certainly there.

 As much as we look forward to the laid back atmosphere of summer, it is important for your child to keep their skills sharp. I strongly recommend joining the summer reading program at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. If that is not possible, please make sure they read for enjoyment on a regular basis. It doesn’t matter what they read as long as they read. Look for selections on subjects that they are interested in or by a favorite author. Check out some favorites from your childhood. You may find that you have a common interest. Don’t forget to practice math facts, too. My understanding is that Front Row will be available to students throughout the summer. By spending just a little time on these things your child will walk into fourth grade with confidence.

 At this time of year I have very mixed emotions. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family. I also have a hard time saying goodbye, and I will miss each, and every student, and I wish them every success in fourth grade. I have enjoyed working with your children. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child’s education. I hope you have a happy and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joanne Cooke

