WELCOME to Third Grade Room 207
about ME

- Years of experience- 17th year!
- Mom of two boys- 1 and 3 years old!
- Grades taught- 1st, 3rd, 5th
- Bachelor’s in Elementary Education.
- Master’s as a Reading Specialist
School supplies- MUST be here at this time. It is week 3 and we have dove into curriculum. Please have supplies here as soon as possible in order to help your child stay organized and succeed this year, thank you!

I am still missing some $70 school fees ($50 if more than one kid) and also some forms, these are essential in case of emergencies, etc.
ATTENDANCE

Taken daily right away as student’s are off to Specials by 8:00am! Thank you for being on time and staying home if you are not well! Bring a doctor’s note upon return please.
7:45-8:00 Breakfast and Welcome Work
8:00-9:00 Specials (rotation changes weekly)
9:00-9:15 Morning Meeting
9:15-11:12 Reading Workshop/Social Science Friday’s.
11:12-11:58 Recess then lunch
11:58-12:15 DEAR time
12:15-1:00 Writer’s Workshop
1:00-2:30 Math/Science Workshop
2:45 Dismissal
Your child will come down the middle staircase and exit out the front doors of the school each day at 2:45!
This year, we will have the same special all week and then the next we will rotate. I will let you know when P.E week is here and t-shirts need to be worn Tuesday and Thursday/proper shoes daily!
Laptop cart- all forms have been handed out and returned, thank you! Each child has their own laptop and passwords will be written in their agendas so they can use programs at home as well! We will use google classroom to connect alongside my website, Lexia for reading and Dreambox for math.
This year, Dojo is our platform to use for points and communication with parents. We have made a Social Contract together and agreed that if in a week, a child loses 3 points or more, he/she will miss part of all of Fun Friday. A warning is always the first step as a reminder and then a point will be taken away if the behavior continues. Late work will be an immediate loss of a point. We work towards positive behaviors and learning from our mistakes and you will be notified if concerning behaviors should arise.
PEARSON-READING STREET. Follows third grade common core standards and I add in my own curriculum from blogs/sites and using technology as often as possible.

- Tests for reading comprehension and spelling every third Friday. Tests will be at a third grade level but students will work in guided reading groups with Ms. Bruno and in partners/small groups with leveled work/differentiated activities.
- Reading Phonics-short and long vowel sounds- plurals- s, es and ies- ed, ing, er, est endings- prefixes/suffixes- compound words- multisyllabic words- synonyms/antonyms- homophones- vocabulary and using context clues- story structure characters and character traits, setting, plot, theme/moral/lesson- sequencing- what happened before and after, first or last, transition words FIRST-NEXT-LAST, etc. compare and contrast, main idea, author’s viewpoint, making generalizations, inferencing/drawing conclusions.
Writing Workshop

- Writing - FIRST WE FOCUS ON SENTENCE STRUCTURE AND CONVENTIONS - declarative, interrogative, imperative and exclamatory sentences, sentences vs. fragments, subjects/predicates... THEN, we move on to paragraph writing, opinion pieces, persuasive pieces, narrative pieces, informative pieces, research projects, etc.
ENVISION MATH- Supplemented with other curriculum as needed. In class, we watch short videos, play games, do teamwork with manipulatives and partner/independent practice. Groups will be leveled after mini-lessons are taught or skills are mastered.

- Place Value and Rounding Numbers to nearest 10 and 100
- Adding/Subtracting three numbers with regrouping
- Multiplication/Division
- AREA/PERIMETER
- Word Problems 1,2,3 step
- Graphing and analyzing data
- Fractions- equivalent and comparing
- Time- to nearest minute
- Shapes- rhombuses, rectangles, quadrilaterals
- Measurement- grams, kilograms and liters
- MYSTERY SCIENCE - online program with videos, critical thinking and hands-on explorations - STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Check the weekly newsletter for topics!
SOCIAL STUDIES

- Communities- your community, types of communities, map skills and cardinal directions
- History of Thanksgiving, Holidays Around the World
- Holidays: Chinese New Year, Martin Luther King Jr, Black History Month, Women’s History Month, Cinco De Mayo
- Current News, Significant Events and Traditions
All subjects have two grading categories as a school wide agreement this year. 50% of your child’s grade will be Assignments- this includes classwork, homework and participation- and the other 50% will be Assessments- formal and informal. Check Aspen Parent Portal for updated grades weekly.
Homework will be written in Agendas each evening.
Binders and Take Home Folders- check nightly!
Spelling Choice Board due EACH Friday, test every other week so words will be the same for three weeks so only one spelling test a month.
Homework- usually something nightly except Fridays (unless finishing or make-up work, projects or a long weekend- may have a few odds and ends).
Reading is ALWAYS nightly homework if nothing else is assigned- please visit the local library to check out books each week.
Also- you can check my website for things to read online for your child under DEAR time on my reading website or extra practice to do- they know how to access it through google classroom.
All students will work in small groups with Mrs. Bruno on a daily or weekly basis, depending on their needs. A pre-assessment will be given for reading and math to determine your child’s needs at the beginning of each unit. Some students will see Ms. Savage, the reading teacher as well for extra support throughout the week.
This year, we will have district wide Beginning of year and End of year assessments in reading—this will be a paper test and distributed this month. We will also have STAR360 to replace NWEA as a district as our large beginning, middle and end of year assessment. Finally, we will use Checkpoint and other curriculum based and teacher made assessments weekly.
COVID 19- If your child is sick, please keep them home. A doctor’s note is necessary upon return. If someone should test positive in the classroom, the class will learn remotely for 2 weeks. If we do go remote, all work will be in Google Classroom and we will meet daily online. I also have a website that has information for your child and links to all websites they need- they access it through their google classroom and their log ins are written in the front of their agendas.
I love partnering with you!
Here’s how we can stay in touch:
DOJO!
MY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Haines website- weekly lesson plans and district calendar, etc.
Mrs. Bruno
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Progress Reports will come out mid October and Parent/Teacher conferences at the end of the quarter!

ANY QUESTIONS for me?