

# ALL about ME!



Dear Third Grade Family,

Hello! My name is Mrs. April Simmons, and I am so excited to be your child's third grade teacher this school year! Third grade is an exciting school year as your child transitions from lower elementary to upper elementary. There are new responsibilities and so many interesting things to learn about in all subject areas. Science and social studies will be taught much more and reading and writing skills will be elevated in different ways. It is also the year to focus on multiplication skills in math! I can't wait to get the school year started with my third graders! I hope you are as excited as I am!

I thought you might want to know a little bit about me before the school year begins. I live in Lowell with my wonderful family. I am married to my husband, Mike, who is the lead pastor at the church we attend. We have three children: a son, Jalen, who is grown and married; a son, Nolan, who graduated this past year and now attends GRCC; and a daughter, Gracen, who is a tenth grader at Lowell High School. We have an adorable pet rabbit named Twitch, too. In my spare time, I enjoy baking, crafting, watching movies, going to the beach, and spending quality time with my family and friends.

This will be my eighth year teaching at Murray Lake, yet I have 21 total years of teaching experience. I enjoy teaching all subjects, but I have an extreme passion for math, science, and reading. I absolutely love teaching, and it is my mission to instill a love for learning in all of my students! I will strive to create a safe, kind, nurturing, and motivating classroom environment for your child! I look forward to helping your child set goals this school year and encouraging him/her to soar to higher levels of learning!

I want you to know that I value your input when it comes to educating your child. It is so important that we keep the lines of communication open throughout the school year. I will be posting weekly messages and/or pictures on my Bloomz website page each week to share classroom activities and events and important information. If you ever have any questions or concerns, you may contact me through the Bloomz page or my school email at [asimmons@lowellschools.com](mailto:asimmons@lowellschools.com). I will send directions soon for signing up for Bloomz.

I look forward to working with your child and you this school year! It really is going to be the best year yet!

Sincerely, Mrs. Simmons



## My FAVORITES



Color: Any shade of blue

Food: Italian and Mexican foods

Drink: Water and 100% Juices (I don't drink pop or coffee!)

Snack: Popcorn - All kinds, but especially Caramel Corn

Candy: Chocolate covered anything (peanuts, pretzels, fruits)

Flower: Pink Rose (I also love succulent plants!)

Animal: Rabbit and Sloth

Movie: "Hidden Figures" and "WALL\*E"

Chapter Book: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo (I will read this to the class!)