Dearest Applicant and Family,

Welcome and congratulations on your acceptance to Stanford University for your third grade year! I am so honored to have you join us for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. My name is Cassie Gibson and I am delighted to be your teacher this year! We will be sharing a year of fun exploration and I can hardly wait to get started!

This is my third year teaching at EDUPRIZE and I am so excited to tell you that our class will be representing the esteemed college, Stanford University, in our new Diploma Program. You will have the opportunity to earn many different “degrees” throughout the school year as you learn and grow and prepare for your bright futures! We will show our school spirit every Monday by wearing our school color (red) and celebrating our progress in reaching our Diploma goals. It is my sincere desire to share my love of learning with you and help you to grow as learners and leaders!

Outside of teaching, I spend most of my time with my husband, Scott, and our 2 boys, Jacob (6) and Wyatt (3 months). I enjoy being outdoors (camping, fishing, and hiking). I also enjoy reading, cooking, and traveling. I bring a lot of these outside experiences into my teaching and expect that students will feel safe in sharing some of their own personal experiences and connecting these important events to our learning.

We will take some time at the beginning of the school year to get to know each other and build a community of learning, respect, and encouragement. I want each of you to feel at home in our classroom community.

I hope that you will come and visit our classroom for Open House on Monday, July 20th in Building 1, Room 45. I am suggesting that Stanford students and their families come at 11:45am. This will help us to avoid too much congestion in our parking lot and hallways. However, I will be in our classroom much of the day if you need to come at a different time. This Open House will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your teacher and classmates, drop off your school supplies, receive carpool information, and pick up other important paperwork. While online, please print and complete the Open House/Emergency Documents and bring them with you! Also, we will be collecting $12 by cash or check (payable to EDUPRIZE) for a planner and a magazine subscription.

Our first day of class will be Wednesday, July 22nd. In order for you to maintain enrollment at EDUPRIZE, you must be on time and present the full first day of school. Students should wait outside for me on the basketball court and we will walk into the building together. Our class schedule is Monday-Thursday 8:10am - 3:00pm and Friday 8:10am - 11:40am. Please be sure to check our website at eduprizeschools.net for updated calendars and schedules.

I am anxious to begin what I know will be an incredible year! I will communicate with you through classroom newsletters throughout the year and encourage you to contact me, as well. Please let me know if you have any specific ideas as to how you’d like to contribute to our classroom community. I am always eager for parents to be involved in our learning! I also tremendously value your input in regards to the needs of your student as it is always my goal to provide him/her with the best opportunities for success in third grade and in the future. Have a wonderful summer!

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Gibson

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EDUPRIZE 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade School Supply List:

Students should bring back their personal headphones to use in their new classroom.

- 1" homework binder with clear view front*
- 1 box of crayons*
- 1 box of markers*
- 1 box of colored pencils*
- 1 pair of scissors*
- 2 thin black dry-erase EXPO markers*
- 1 thin black Sharpie
- 1 wooden ruler (with in. and cm.)*
- 2 pencil pouches*
- 4 different colored highlighters*
- 1 composition book*
- 5 plastic 2-pocket folders with prongs to hold 3-holed paper (red, blue, green, yellow, and your choice)*
- 4 plain paper 2-pocket folders in a light color*
- 3 spiral notebooks*
- 1 box of pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 bottle of white glue
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 1 pack of pencil top erasers
- 1 package of page protectors
- 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 pkg wide-ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 box of sandwich-sized ziplock baggies

*PLEASE LABEL THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME

Wish List Items:

- colored copy paper
- colored flair pens
- heavy-duty stapler
- green pens for grading
- permanent markers (colored and black)
- gift cards (iTunes, Walmart, Target, Michaels)
- white and colored cardstock
- ziplock baggies in various sizes
- electric pencil sharpener
- large colored dry erase markers
- thin, black dry erase markers
- hand soap
- index cards