



Mr. Brantley's 3rd Grade News

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Dear 2012-2013 Class,

This is the end of an amazing year. I hope that you can say that you have learned and appreciated at least a few things throughout this year. As I look at the end of this year and the last days with you I find myself thinking of what I learned and I what I appreciated from you. Too often we save these thoughts and forget to share these positive notes with those around us.

So I will begin (as always) in alphabetical order (last names):

#1 - I have learned how to laugh every day. I have so appreciated your humor and your positive outlook. I have so appreciated your artwork and how your humor ties so nicely with your art and your writing...thank you.

#2 - I have learned how to have fun and balance my life. I have appreciated your balance between work and play. You worked hard...but played hard too...I need to do this more...thank you.

#3 - I have learned to love and laugh. I appreciated the daily hugs and your persistently positive attitude. You share your heart and care for everyone...even when that's tough. It is rare to find someone that cares so deep, so young...thank you.

#4 - I have learned to take the time needed. I have so appreciated your care and attention to your work...so often the world makes us rush, you didn't...and it showed. Your writing was the neatest I have seen in years...thank you.

#5 - I have learned how fun life can be. I have so appreciated your quirky humor and willingness to always help...anyone. You may be a small package but you make such a big difference...every day...thank you.

#6 - I have learned to be strong of will...with the best intentions. I have appreciated your questions and your need for proof. Accountability is so important in life, and you with your driven desire for the facts have kept me honest...thank you.

#7 - I have learned to be competitive and play hard. I cannot imagine another young man with such drive. Your drive and your stubborn will shall serve you well...so long as it's only used for good. You bring a spirit to a class that is energetic and enthusiastic...thank you

#8 - I have learned to take life with a grain of salt. I have appreciated your realistic and calm manner. You bring a sense of stability and ease to the classroom...we could all use someone with those qualities in our lives...thank you.

#9 - I have learned to bring passion to learning. I have appreciated your intensity and drive to get to the brass tacks. You have shown great passion for several projects and reports. You also bring a passion for the creative and the artistic to those around you...thank you

#10 - I have learned to stay calm and sometimes be quiet, listen carefully and be thoughtful. I have appreciated your quiet and subtle take on life. So often you are so quiet, but still have such a great wit and are quick to share a smile...thank you.

#11 - I have learned to embrace life. I have appreciated your love of nearly everything. You bring enthusiasm and joy to so many situations...even when you are frustrated. You bring enthusiasm to even the dullest of situations...thank you.

#12 - I have learned how to get work done efficiently, then cut loose and have a blast. You put yourself into everything you do with such vigor. It showed in your work...and in your play...than you

#13 - I have learned to love history and appreciate the details. I have appreciated your interest and curiosity in our world's history (both good and bad). You have so many interests and such passion for facts...thank you

#14 - I have learned to not limit my viewpoint. I have appreciated your perspective, your creativity, and your intensity. You bring your great thoughts to every conversation with sincerity and occasionally with ferocity. You are honest and thoughtful...thank you

#15 - I have learned to be lighthearted. I appreciated your quickness to giggle and enjoy every moment. Humor is everywhere and sometimes it's better to laugh and enjoy it...thank you.

#16 - I have learned to be more diligent. I have appreciated your amazing diligence in not just your work but your drive to read. You have read (conquered) several intense and enormous stories. You pulled details and the heart of the story into your writing and your sharing...thank you

#17 - I have learned to be more creative. I so appreciate your creative and amusing expressions in drawings and writings. You share so much humor and such detail in the way you draw and write. Every day I looked forward to you humorous sentences...thank you

#18 - I have learned to look at the world from all angles and perspectives possible. I have appreciated your insights and your outlook on all subjects and topics. So often you offer a new detail or interesting fact about so many topics...thank you.

#19 - I have learned to be more passionate about reading. I have appreciated your love of books...all books, and the way to share every story and every detail. You love to read...but it's so much more than that...you love great stories....thank you

#20 - I have learned to see the positive in every situation. I have appreciated your positive and enthusiastic outlook each and every day. You so rarely are you down...you bring up the mood in the classroom and with your friends...thank you

#21 – I have learned to see the lighter side. The world can be too serious sometimes. I have appreciated your enthusiasm, your humor and your wit. You bring a sense of fair play and playfulness to a group...thank you

#22 - I have learned to be real. I have appreciated your magic tricks and card tricks. You have brought a new piece of fun to this classroom. You carried yourself with confidence and a willingness to offer help to others...thank you

This class has been a joy, been a challenge, and been full of energy and full of surprises. I have had teachers and parents comment about the uniqueness of this class. We have survived each other for 180 days. These are days that cannot be taken away...they are part of our combined history. I will remember this class with great fondness. So many laughs shared and moments that will never be forgotten.

Thank you for this year.

Have a great summer...and an amazing year in 4th grade!!