Hello!

I would like to welcome you and your children to another wonderful season of I AM 3RD soccer! My name is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and I'll be coaching the team again this season along with the help of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Practices will be held on **Thursdays at 6:00 pm**on field **7**. The first practice will be on **Thursday, March 22nd**. Please remember to dress your child appropriately depending on the weather. All players will need soccer cleats, shin guards (completely covered by socks), a size **4** soccer ball, and water at every practice. For inclement weather, go here to see the I AM 3RD's Weather Policy.

As for games, those of you that have players that are new to the **2nd-3rd grade girls division**, I encourage you to help them become generally familiar with the rules as it varies from division to division. Those rules can be found here. During games, all players will need to wear their team jersey (distributed at the last practice before our first game), black shorts, and soccer cleats. Players should also bring water to every game.

Our coaching staff will challenge you to set the example for others on the field. As a parent, you have a special role in contributing to the needs and development of our players. Our expectations of you this season include:

* Being a positive role model for all players, and encouraging sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy for others.
* Providing positive reinforcement for your child and motivate them to learn from their mistakes. Recognize and communicate the good things they did after every practice and game.
* Communicate with others in a calm, positive manner.
* Refrain from coaching from the sidelines unless you're asked to participate in drills, or assist in games. Coaching from the sidelines takes away from our players' ability to make their own decisions while on the field.
* Cleaning up any trash after practices and games (even if it's not yours).

Finally, to confirm that you've received this email, please reply with the following information: the best contact number for you (should practice get cancelled at the last minute), **and if you are new to our team** a few sentences about your child (e.g., their personality, previous experience playing sports, etc.), and what your expectations are of the coaching staff this season.

I know several of you from last season, other sports, and school, so we look forward catching up and to meeting each of our new teammates at our first practice!

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at XXX-**XXX-XXXX or** youremail@email.com

Thanks!

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