

Back-to-School Night

2014-15

Expectations

- My expectations are high. I believe that children can, and will, live up to the expectations that you set for them. I will strive to push your child to excel, yet be flexible and sensitive when students need extra attention and support. Your child is expected to come to school rested and ready to learn. I also expect that your child is prepared and willing to work to the fullest extent of his/her capabilities.

Curriculum & Common Core

Pearson Reading Street (Common Core)

McGraw Hill My Math (Common Core)

TCI Science (4th Grade)

Scotts Foresman California Social Studies (4th Grade)

Handwriting Without Tears

Keyboarding Without Tears

Common Core Guide for Parents:

[http://www.harvestridgeschool.org/uploads/2/2/0/4/22043164/
common_core_for_parents.pdf](http://www.harvestridgeschool.org/uploads/2/2/0/4/22043164/common_core_for_parents.pdf)

Classroom Management

- Whole Brain Teaching
 - Group Accountability
 - Individual Practice Cards
 - Consequences
 - missed recess time, never more than 2 min., they need to play!
 - email home

Homework

- Math and Language Arts homework are assigned nightly. The homework is meant to reinforce what we have worked on during the day. A homework checklist for the week will be sent home on Mondays. Math homework will be sent home daily and it is due the following day. Homework folders need to be turned in every day.
- Mrs. Sardella's Website- all checklists, spelling lists, classroom assignments, and updates can be found there

Independent Study

- Independent Study will be sent home each Monday. Independent Study takes the place of a school day. Students need to complete their work in order to prepare for the next week. Incomplete Independent Study is counted as an absence.
- You are your child's teacher on Fridays. Don't worry if you feel like you aren't teaching things in the exact same way that I do. It is good for kids to hear things in a variety of different ways.

Computers

- Students love using their computers! Computers covers are highly recommended. They are 11 inch MacBook Airs, model A1465
- Students will be allowed to take home computers during second and third trimesters as long as they complete the following:
 1. Sign and fill out the laptop user agreement (located on our school website)
 2. Have a case to transport the computer in
 3. Have demonstrated responsibility

Passwords

Absences

- Please let me know if you plan on being absent, and I will put together an independent study packet for you. You will need to fill out an independent study request form, which can be found on the school website. This will ensure our school will be paid for the days your child is not in the classroom.

Communication

- Parent/Teacher communication is vital to the success of each student. I will do my best to keep you informed on how your child is doing. Homework and independent study will always be posted on our class website.
- I am available M-F from 8:00-4:30
- Student work can also be tracked through Engrade (see your password sheet for registration)

Report Cards

- Our report cards are standards based and grades are given accordingly. Your child will be given the grades as follows:

1= In progress

2= Approaching

3= Mastered

Birthdays

- You may bring a HEALTHY snack in for your child's birthday.
(smoothies, muffins, juice bars etc.)

Student of the Week

- Each student will have a chance to be the Student of the Week. The order is chosen at random and can be found on my website. When your child is the Student of the Week they can fill out the "Star Student News" (this will be sent home with them) and something special to share.
- On Thursday I ask that the parents send in a 10 question T/F quiz about their child. The kids love this! You are also welcome to come in and read the quiz to the class yourself!
- You will receive an email to let you know your child is the Star of the Week

Bookmobile

- We will have the Bookmobile at our school every Tuesday from 9:15-10:15. Our class will visit the bookmobile every other week. Students can check out books for up to one month at a time. The bookmobile schedule is on our school website. Books can be returned to any of the Placer County libraries

Parent Help

- Help from Home (classroom library, recess equipment)
- Scrapbooks
- Room Mom
- Daily:
 - Reading/Writing 8:30–9:45
 - Math 10:15–11:00

Field Trips

- Granlibakken
- Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- Tall Ships
- Wagons West
- Ice Skating, Coloma
- Folsom Powerhouse
- B Street Theater
- Image Pathways, Art Lessons

Organization & Responsibility

- In 3rd and 4th grades I expect students to begin accepting responsibility for their own learning. I encourage all students to use their email address so that they can email me with assignments and questions. They can also email or call one another with questions
- . Students need to be responsible for keeping their binders, desks, and cubbies organized.