

Back to School Night 2007

Behavior Expectations

Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.

Be respectful of others.

Do not disturb your neighbors.

Raise your hand and wait to be called on.

Stay on task.

Curriculum

Reading: Our curriculum includes reading skills, phonics, reading comprehension, grammar, spelling, and writing within the context of children's literature. Students will be placed in appropriate reading groups to meet their individual needs.

Spelling: Our spelling program is phonics-based. Students who are especially strong in spelling will be placed on a "Challenge List."

Writing: Students will participate in daily writing where they will practice the process skills of pre-writing, drafting, editing, revising, and publishing.

Math: Lessons will include both computation and problem solving exercises. It is important for students to know their addition and subtraction facts (and later in the year, some of their multiplication tables).

Science: Science will be taught through hands-on activities, literature, and various science projects. The scientific method will be introduced and applied to various experiments.

Social Studies: Literature, student-created projects, and written compositions will make up a large portion of our social studies program, which includes units about our families, our community, our country's history and geography.

Homework

Homework is assigned every single day, Monday through Thursday.

I have provided your child with a homework folder to help organize homework papers. A backpack is also a very helpful organizational tool. Assignments and weekly notices are written down on their homework agenda. Some assignments you can expect to see regularly are:

Reading Log-Students receive a new log every Monday. They are to read at least 20 minutes every night. Parents and/or students need to fill out the log each day. A parent must sign the log before it is turned in on Friday.

Spelling-Your child will receive a spelling list each Monday. Assignments will go home each day, Monday through Thursday. Spelling tests are given in class each Friday.

Math-Students will have a double-sided math page for homework every day. On the front is a review of the day's lesson. On the back is math facts practice (must be signed by a parent) or supplemental work on some concept that is particularly important for second graders, such as time, money, or measurement.

Reading Comprehension-Assignments will go home every Monday and Wednesday, and are due the following day.

Read the "Story of the Week"-Students will bring home their reading textbook each Thursday, so they can re-read the story we've been working on in class that week. Reading comprehension tests are given in class each Friday.

Homework that does not come back to school including the reading log will be made up during your child's free time, usually recess. If your child is unable to complete the homework and/or reading log, please send a note to excuse him/her.

Classroom Procedures You Should Know About

Homework Agenda

You will ALWAYS know what your child's homework is every single day. Please take a few minutes each day to look at your child's homework agenda and check assignments for quality and completeness.

Friday Folders

All corrected work will be returned to you on Fridays in your child's "Friday Folder." Please take a few minutes over the weekend to go over the papers in the folder. Review concepts your child may not have understood well and praise him/her for good work. Then make sure your child returns it on Monday.

Absences

Please always call or send a note when your child is absent. If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent, please notify me so I can put together some work. If your child misses several days in a row, it's a good idea to come in and get their work after a day or two, so they don't fall too far behind. When your child returns to school, I will provide all their assignments for them on their desk. Your child has as many days as they were absent to complete the work.

Tardies

School begins promptly at 8:00. Your child is late, if he/she has to open the door to enter the classroom after the rest of the class is already inside. Please help your child develop important life-long work and study skills by insisting that they arrive at school on time. Long lunch lines are not an excuse for tardiness, as the lines do not get long until the last minute.

Home Support

Your home is your child's first and most important classroom. Your child will be more successful in MY classroom, if you provide the following items of support in YOUR classroom:

pencils	beans (or similar items) to use as counters
lined paper	coins to practice counting
crayons	an analog clock (the kind with a face and hands)
scissors	glue
ruler (inch and centimeter)	

BOOKS, BOOKS, and more BOOKS! Get your child his/her own library card, and use it often.

Another great way to support your child's education is to
Join the Ranch View PTA.

Our PTA provides your child with many enriching experiences through field trips, assemblies, learning materials, and much more. If you haven't already done so, please
JOIN TODAY!!!

Please call me here at school (947-5545), send a note, or just drop by to see me before or after school whenever you have a question or concern about your child's progress. We are members of the same team, working towards the same goal: To make your child the best he/she can be. I'm looking forward to a wonderful and productive year of working with you and your child.