

Back to School Night

Mr. Riggs - Fourth Grade

Schedule

8:30 Reading Intervention
9:00 Math
10:20 Recess
10:35 Writing (except Mondays/Thursdays - Band/Music)
11:35 Language Arts
12:10 Lunch
12:45 Projects (except every other Wednesday - PE)
1:30 Science or Social Studies
2:15 Homework, Classroom jobs, prep for home
2:35 Dismissal (except every Tuesday - Dismissal will be at 12:10 pm)

Class Organization and Discipline

SWIMs
Success Points and Infractions
Expectations: Do Your Best! Treat Everyone with Respect! Ask for Help!

Homework

Math - Monday through Thursday
Reading - At least thirty minutes every night including weekends
Written in Student Planners - Review every night
Projects

Grading

Developmental Report Card
4 - Advanced
3 - Proficient
2 - Partially Proficient
1 - Not Proficient

Conferences will be the week of November 17th. Conferences are on a need only basis: If your child is not working at grade level, we will need to meet in a parent-teacher conference to make a plan to help your child improve. Conferences may be called at other times during the year if your child is struggling: For example, they fall behind in their AR Reading Goal.

Curriculum

- Math - Pearson
 - Math facts must be memorized and automatic
 - Practice at home
 - Daily facts sheets need to be graded and signed
 - Homework - A few problems most nights
 - Reteaching wksht has summary of lesson at top
 - Math notebook will go home each night with lesson notes
- Reading
 - McGraw Hill (New adoption)
 - Scholastic News
 - Novels
 - Accelerated Reader
 - About 20 points per trimester
 - Students should pass one quiz a week
 - Goal is to read at or above grade level
 - Students should be reading gradually harder books.
 - AR Bookmark
 - Lists students goal and current reading level
 - Stays in book and must come to school every day
 - STAR Reading Test every six weeks to track progress
- Science
 - Taught by Mr. Riggs
 - New curriculum based on NGSS standards
 - Lectures, investigations and projects
- Social Studies
 - Taught by Mrs. Asencio
 - Scott Foresman
 - Includes California history, geography, mission settlements, economy, Gold Rush, etc.
 - Lectures, activities and projects
- Writing
 - Write from the Beginning
 - Focus: Narratives, Informational Articles and Opinion
 - Writing and editing in Google Classroom or in print
- Music/Computers
 - Band/Glee (Choir)
 - Mondays/Thursdays 10:35-11:20
 - Bring instruments on music days
 - Students must practice at home to improve

- Computers
 - iPads or Lenovo laptops
 - Personal earbuds recommended (no headphones)
 - Writing, Presentation skills, Special projects/research
 - Will use Kahnacademy.org, ScholasticNews.com, Pearsonrealize.com and other educational sites as needed
 - **Internet and Google Permission slips required**

Miscellaneous

Field Trip to San Diego

- Thursday, April 26th, 2018
- Chartered bus to historic San Diego sites
- Cost: \$110 - Student, \$124 - Adult (Must pass background check)
- \$25 Nonrefundable deposit per person due October 20
 - Check or money order payable to Travel Teens
- Fall Fundraiser can be used to offset cost

PTA Membership \$7

Seesaw - Digital portfolios and text messages to parents

Report Cards are mailed home week of November 16th

Thank you for your support. Contact me anytime with questions or concerns. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Please get the SeeSaw app on your smartphone to see your child's work in class and get important class announcements. Sign and return the Google and Internet permission slips so your child can use a computer on the first day of school.

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(Use SeeSaw app for quick responses!)