

Welcome to 4th Grade

Mrs. Marquez's Classroom Policies

Homework

- B.O.B. binders and agendas are to be brought to school every day
- Nightly homework includes reading for at least 20 minutes per night. Reading can be independent, you can read to your child, your child may read to you (pretty much any time spent reading and/or listening to reading counts)
- Math homework will be given out 4-5 days per week and is due the following school day
- Math facts should be practiced at home throughout the week, flashcards and other game ideas will be sent home
- Language Arts homework will be given out 2-3 days per week and is also due the following school day
- Spelling words should be practiced at home throughout the week. Most weeks students will receive a spelling choice board with the due date written on top
- Homework will not be graded. It is a way to assess student understanding and is used as a tool to help drive my instruction. Once homework is reviewed it will be returned with a mark to show that I've reviewed and recorded it. Homework is required.
- All homework is an extension of current concepts being taught in class. Please let me know as soon as possible if you child is having difficulty with homework.

Assessments

Samples: Student work and samples will be used daily to help guide my teaching and make instructional decisions. These will be checked but not used for formal grading purposes. These work samples reflect skills and strategies we are working on in class.

Grades: The grading system (1, 2, 3, 4) will be used to align with the four-point performance levels on the Standards-Based Progress Report. Some work will be kept in a portfolio. All math and reading assessments will be required to be signed and returned.

Make-up Work

If your child is absent it is very difficult to make up work in class. Any worksheets will be set aside and students will be expected to complete class work as homework. If an assessment is missed I will do my best to have them make it up during class time, however if there is no time available, recess time may be used. If a prolonged period of time will be missed please contact me so we can discuss how to make up work during that time. **Extended vacations during school will not be accommodated.**

Personal Items

Please keep personal items and toys at home. If a personal item/toy is brought to school I will ask your child to put it in his or her backpack. If the item is not put away after the first warning, the item will be confiscated and will not be returned unless a parent comes to collect the item. It is your child's responsibility to let you know I have a personal item/toy. Items not collected by the end of the year will be discarded.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are to be turned off as soon as the school day begins and placed in back packs. Any cell phones that are found on or being used will be turned in to the principal and the parent will be required to pick it up. Cell phones may be turned back on when the school day ends. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Classroom Celebrations

If you would like to bring in a treat for the classroom for a birthday or other celebration please let me know in advance. Please only send food that comes in individual servings such as muffins, cupcakes, etc.

Snacks

- Your child may bring a snack to eat during recess. Please send a small, healthy snack (fruit, crackers, string cheese, etc.) **Do not send candy or soda as a snack!**
- A water bottle in the classroom helps cut down trips to the fountain and keeps your child hydrated.

Behavior Management

In our classroom we will focus on noticing what students are doing right and giving positive feedback and praise when students make the right choices while decreasing the negative attention given to inappropriate behaviors. As a class team we will focus on finding the strengths in each other.

When inappropriate behaviors arise, I will discuss with students what they should have/could have done instead in the situation. The second step will be a verbal warning to correct the behavior. If the inappropriate behavior persists or if there are continued issues, the student will have time to reflect and rethink the behavior. The student will check in with me before coming back to the group. Any reflection sheets will be sent home and need to be signed by a parent and returned.

If a student exhibits behaviors such as physical violence, destroying property, or defying adult directions, he/she will be immediately sent to the office. An appropriate consequence will be given based on school rules.

It is my goal to promote a positive and environment that encourages optimal learning for all students. If a child continues to have problems managing himself/herself appropriately, I will contact you so we can work together to find a solution that will lead to success for your child in the classroom.

After reviewing classroom policies with your child please sign and return this form. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Marquez
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We have read and understand the classroom policies.

_____ and _____
(parent) (student)