

Back to School Night

Grade 4 -- Mrs. Pierce

Walnut Street School

Introduction

It is with great pleasure that I welcome your child to my class. We can look forward to a very exciting and rewarding school year. We are truly lucky to have the opportunity to spend fourth grade together. I believe it will be a rewarding experience for all of us.

Teacher Background

A little bit about me!

Our Daily Schedule

- Morning Work
- Math
- Science and Social Studies
- Book Club
- Recess and Lunch
- Spelling
- Writing
- Special
- DEAR and MUG Shot

Technology

- Computers on Wheels (COWs) Year 2
- The Elementary Technology Resources Page can be found when you go on to www.woodburysch.com
- Click on the Technology tab.
- Then click on the Elementary link.

Weekly Report

- Every Friday, students are responsible for filling out a weekly report. This is another communication tool between home and school.
- Please sign it every weekend and be sure your child returns it on Monday morning.

Behavior Contract

- As you know, the students have created their own classroom rules. All of the information you need to know about the rules, rewards and consequences can be found in the contract that was sent home on the first day of school.
- Every day, students are required to color their behavior chart based on their behavior for the day. Please sign the chart, kept in the front of their take home

folder, at the end of each week. This is another tool that I use in order to help keep communication lines open.

- If you have questions about behavior, please feel free to contact me by phone, note or email.
- Please reinforce with your child the importance of good behavior and personal responsibility.

Grading Policy

- The grading policy follows district guidelines and can be found in the contract as well. All tests are brought home to be signed and returned to school.
- The spelling tests do not have to be signed. A copy is sent home for your information.
- A portfolio of signed tests is kept in the classroom.
- Progress reports and report cards are sent home each marking period to keep you informed of your child's progress.
- If you have questions or concerns about your child's academic work, please feel free to contact me by phone, note or email.

Homework

- Students are responsible for keeping their take home folder and homework assignment book neat as well as taking it back and forth between school and home.
- Each day I stamp students' homework books and ask that you sign the page after students have completed their homework. It is very important for you to know every day what the assignments are and if there are any special announcements.
- Papers that need to be signed and returned, homework assignments, reminders and graded papers are brought home in the take home folder. Students are responsible for sorting their papers into "Keep at Home" and "Return to School". Please check your child's folder every day.
- Students not completing homework on time will be held responsible for completing the assignment and will not earn full credit on the assignment. If a situation arises where the student is unable to complete the work at home, please write me a short note and I will allow extra time.
- I also note any missing assignments on the behavior calendar kept in the front of the homework folder.

After School

- Sometimes it is necessary to keep your child after school.
- This occurs from 3:00 to 3:30 only.
- I will have your child call you to let you know that he/she is at school.

Birthdays:

- Parents are welcome to send in a treat on their child's birthday. Please send it in with your child in the morning.

- Summer birthdays will be celebrated at the half birthday.
- If a student's birthday does not fall on a school day, feel free to send a treat in the day prior or day after.

Three Questions:

Parent Homework: Ask your children:

- What is something you did your best on today?
- What did you learn today that you didn't know before?
- How have you shown good character today?

4th and 5th Grade Activities

- Recycling Program
- Choir
- Band
- Peacemaker Club
- Safety Patrol

Basic Skills Instruction

- Our basic skills teacher this year is Mr. Dave Rosen. Please welcome him to our school. He will be working as an in class support teacher this year (Tier One Basic Skills).
- Mrs. Chris Bruno will be the pull out basic skills teacher (Tier Two Basic Skills).

Conclusion

Thank you so much for making your child's education a priority. Please feel free to contact me any time that you have any questions or concerns.

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