

Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Welcome to Mr. Stacy's class! Purple Sage Elementary will be continuing with our Positive Behavior Support system. The last couple of years I have been doing some research on motivating students to put continued sustained effort and to show GRIT. One aspect that has come up in the research is that of gamification.

Gamification is not game-based learning which is used to practice certain skills. Gamification is the application of game mechanics in a non-game context to promote desired behavior and drive learning outcomes. Think points, badges, leaderboards and incentives.

To meet this end, I would like to use **Classcraft**, an online learning tool that helps students become more motivated to participate in class. More information can be found at <http://www.Classcraft.com> or in the flyer posted on my class site at <https://www.msd134.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=393>. Look to the left and find the subpage for Classcraft.

In order for students to participate in using Classcraft, certain personal information must be provided to the web site operator. Under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these websites must provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. For more information on COPPA, please visit <https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/privacy-and-security/children%27s-privacy>. Classcraft's Privacy Policy can be found here <http://www.classcraft.com/privacy-policy/>.

In essence, Classcraft connects to our class's Google Classroom under your child's school district Google account. This is for the process of linking Google Classroom assignments to the game environment. **Classcraft in no way is linked to the personal information contained in Skyward.** Classcraft accounts will be linked to student's school email NOT their personal emails. As in Google Classroom, there is an option for class discussion and forums to talk about assignments and quests objectives. This is only accessible to the class and moderated by me and not accessible in any way to the world web. You will be given a code that you will be able to create a parent account so that you can monitor your child's activities in class and see how they are progressing through the game.

After reviewing the information regarding Classcraft, if you would NOT like your child to participate in using Classcraft, please return this form having checked either "Opt-In" or "Opt-Out" at the bottom. If you "Opt-Out", your child will still have the ability to earn class rewards for appropriate school behavior.

We would like to begin using Classcraft during the first days of school, so please return the form via your child or by email the first couple of days of school. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Dave Stacy
dstacy@msd134.org

Student Name: _____

OPT-IN _____

OPT-OUT _____

Parent/Guardian Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian EMAIL: _____

Date: _____