

July 2025

Dear Parents and Students,

I am happy to welcome you to fourth grade GATE at John Muir! I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you. I know it's going to be a year of tremendous growth for your child as I have exciting experiences and challenges planned for this year!

Study trips are an essential part of providing GATE students with real world, hands-on experiences that supplement the curriculum. Each year our study trip opportunities differ, as it requires a lot of parent involvement. Please help our class get a jump start on planning by getting fingerprinted and providing the necessary paperwork to drive on study trips. All forms are available on our school website. Your support makes all the difference in the number of study trip opportunities our class will have this year! Thank you in advance for your support!

I know many of you are excited to purchase school supplies. Students are asked to bring the following supplies:

- Pencil box or pouch to keep at school
- Extra pencils
- Extra eraser(s)
- 3x3 stick notes
- Fine tip dry erase marker(s)
- 2 or more black fine and ultra-fine tip black Sharpies (We use these a lot!)
- Refillable water bottle (Please label with your name.)
- Other supplies that are optional if students prefer to have their own instead of sharing-markers, glue sticks, scissors (Please label with your name.)
- Students will be provided with a 1 ½ inch or 2 inch binder, crayons, colored pencils, a folder, and a daily planner that will go inside their binder. Students may purchase their own 1 ½ or 2 inch binder if they choose.

Students will need to bring their fully charged Chromebook to school each day.

We will have a daily snack time. I highly encourage students to bring a snack each day that is healthy and not too messy.

Free breakfast (8:00-8:30) and free lunch is offered daily to all students.

School will begin on Tuesday, July 29, at 8:30 am. Gates will open at 8:20 for students to enter and go to our classroom, E2, which is one of the portables at the back of the school. If you enter through the back gate on Lonnie Beck (across the grassy park area), our classroom is right there! Dismissal time is 2:41 pm. Be sure to set up a meeting place if you are picking up your child. Again, our classroom is by the back gate, so I recommend picking up at the grassy park area behind the school on Lonnie Beck (less traffic!)

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lynda Benouar (formerly Raquel)