Breakfast Program

Moss will continue serving breakfast again this year. Students may begin having breakfast at 8:50 in the lunchroom. You can register/prepay online at https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home

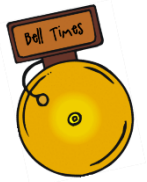
Lunch Program

Your child may opt to have a hot lunch or bring a cold lunch each day. Please note that microwaves are not available to students to heat lunches.



Student Arrival Times

Children should not arrive earlier than 8:55 a.m. (unless eating breakfast) and should leave promptly at 3:15 p.m. No supervision for the playground is provided before 8:55 a.m.



School Hours

Grades PREK– 5	**9:15 – 3:15**
Teacher hours	**8:45 – 3:45**
Office hours	**8:00 – 4:00**
First bell rings at	**9:10**
Tardy bell rings at	**9:15**

Tardiness and Missed Instruction

Arriving at school on time is extremely important. Tardiness negatively impacts your child's learning. We emphasize the importance of being on time. Any student who is tardy must report to the office upon arrival to school.

If possible, try to schedule appointments before and after school. Instructional time is important!

Did You Know Students Who Eat Breakfast:

- Are able to concentrate on schoolwork
- Score higher on tests
- Make fewer errors
- Are more creative
- Work faster
- Are more cooperative
- Get along better with classmates



Transportation Policy

Moss has one bus to bring our children to and from school. There are other buses for some of our special programs and vans for before/after school care. We will make every effort to teach your child his/her bus and help him/her to find and board the correct bus/van after school each day. Our bus drivers will help students learn their bus stop and teach them safe behavior on the bus. Please check the bus schedule online. If your child has parent permission to get off at a different stop than usual, at any time, they must present a written note from the parent and signed by the principal to the bus driver before he/she can ride. Please encourage your child to keep track of their barcode for scanning to load the bus.

Meet Finn! Marvin Moss' certified therapy dog makes visits to our school to support our students and staff!



School Bus Safety Tips for Kids

Tips provided by WCSD Transportation:

- Arrive at your bus stop 5 minutes early
- Stand at least 5 giant steps (10 feet) away from the edge of the road
- Wait until the bus stops, the doors open, and the driver gives the okay to load the bus
- The bus driver and others cannot see you if you are standing closer than 10 feet to the bus, STAY OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE
. • When crossing the street walk 10 giant steps to the front of the bus and wait for the driver to give the okay to cross the street.
- If you can't see the driver, the driver can't see you.
- If you drop something under the bus, ALWAYS have your driver get it for you.

If you see a vehicle run a bus stop signs (red lights), please get the license plate number and report it to dispatch at 353-5900



Animals at School

WCSD does not allow animals in the classroom, this includes dogs and cats. The exception is service animals that clearly have their certified badge/bandana. We must keep in mind that even small animals may cause an allergic reaction for some students and staff. Animal urine and feces may also create a potential health hazard. Finally, certain reptiles such as iguanas have been known to carry the salmonella bacteria and are not allowed on campus. If you bring your pet on campus after hours, please make sure it's on a leash and away from classroom doors and the playground.

Communication



We have several ways of trying to keep parents informed. We hope you will call or come in whenever you need information or help.

- Weekly Sunday evening phone calls from the school will update families on events for the week and other important information.
- Dojo communication from administration and staff.
- Emails from the Administration and PTO will be sent with information about upcoming events and other information pertaining to school activities.
- Teachers send home newsletters, a minimum, once a month.
- Graded work will be sent home weekly.
- Grades are input into Infinite Campus each week. Parents should be checking grades on a weekly basis.

Parents and Visitors



For your child's safety, all parents and visitors must check in through our single point of entry. Visitors are not allowed to enter the playground. When waiting for your child after school, please agree on a meeting spot, and wait outside of the building. Any student leaving before the end of the day must be checked out at the office. Please follow this policy, as it is in place strictly for your child's safety.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Students will exit out of the gates. Students in grades K-2 will exit out of the gate on the left side of the school, and the students in grades 3-5 will exit out of the gate on the right side of the school. If parents choose to pick up and drop off, please be advised you can't do so in the staff parking lot or in the bus loading zone. Students also can't be picked up/loaded while cars are stopped in the street or in the red zone. The parent pick up and drop off area is a "loading zone" only. Parents must stay in the vehicle, in the right lane, and pull up with the flow of traffic. All parents and students must use the crosswalk at all times. Safety is our top priority. Please note the bus loading zone is to the left and parent pick up is to the right side of the school. U-TURNS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN SCHOOL ZONES.

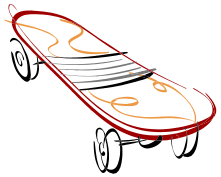




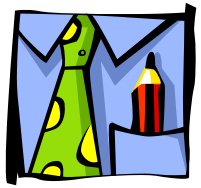
Volunteers

Anytime a person (parent, grandparent, etc.) is planning on helping in the classroom or going on a field trip, a WCSD Volunteer form must be filled out at least TWO WEEKS prior to the event. Once approved, volunteer forms are good for five years. Forms are available on the WCSD website. Volunteers must provide a government issued ID to be approved.

BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS
ROLLERBLADES/SCOOTERS



Any student riding a bicycle or scooter to school must supply a lock and have an understanding of safety and traffic laws. Scooters, skateboards, bikes and roller blades are NOT to be ridden on the school grounds OR in front of our school at any time. WALK ON SIDEWALK AREAS with bikes, etc.



DRESS CODE

Administrative Regulation 5102 establishes the student dress code in the schools of the Washoe County School District ("District" or "WCSD") with the intent of providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all students in which the focus is on learning; and to provide students with a clear understanding of the District's expectations with regard to dress.

See our website for specific information

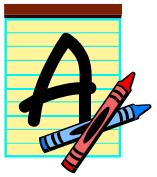
https://www.washoeschools.net/moss

CONFERENCE WEEKS

Conferences have been scheduled for October 23rd, 26th – 29th . Students will be dismissed at 1:05 on conference dates. Please contact the teacher before conference week if you are concerned about your child. You can contact the teacher during regular school hours at any time during the year. If you can't make a scheduled conference, please call to reschedule.



REPORT CARDS



Report Cards are issued every nine weeks. Parents are encouraged to conference with teachers whenever they have a concern. Please remember that Parent Nights and school functions are not appropriate times to conference with a teacher. Please call the school, and we will make every effort to accommodate you.



Student Voice

Bullying, Harassment, Discrimination

The Washoe County School District seeks to ensure a learning environment for its' students that is safe and respectful, in accordance with state and federal laws. The District is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or ethnic identification, marital status, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, religion, age, mental or physical disability, military or veteran's status in educational programs or activities, and employment as required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

EMERGENCY PARENT INFO

For the safety of your child due to illness or accident, it is imperative that the school have your current telephone numbers for work, home, and emergency contacts. Please notify the school of any changes in order for the information in Infinite Campus to remain up to date.

SELF-MANAGERS

4th and 5th Grade Students that promote responsible, respectful, and safe behaviors at Marvin Moss may be asked to apply to become a Self- Manager. Self-Managers are student leaders that help around the school and with community projects. Self-Managers are rewarded throughout the year and receive extra incentives/recognition for their hard work!

PERSONAL PROPERTY/BELONGINGS

It is important that children not bring any personal items from home to school. Bringing items to play with is not appropriate at school. All students are responsible for any instruments, books, equipment or other items that they have on campus, whether they are owned by the student or have been borrowed from the school. Please be aware that Marvin Moss and WCSD are not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to any such items when in the student's possession or stored/left on campus or other school property.



Health

If your child becomes ill or gets hurt at school, we have a clinical aide who will attend to the child's immediate needs, however sick children should stay at home. Please do not send your child to school if he/she has had the following within the last 24 hours:

- Vomiting or diarrhea
- A fever of 99.6 or higher



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance Mandate

- *NRS 392.122 establishes that minimum attendance is required for promotion to the next grade.*
- *The Board of Trustees established WCSD Board Policy 5400 according to federal guidance that states students must not be absent 10% or more of school days or they will be considered chronically absent and are at risk of retention or failure of the course.*
- *Chronically absent students include students who are absent for any reason (e.g., illness, doctor's appointments, suspension, the need to care for a family member), regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused.*

Elementary School Students – No more than 17 days absent per school year

Middle School Students – No more than 17 days absent per class per school year

High School Students –Each HS has a trigger number for absences



WCSD will maintain the current attendance policy for the 2026-2027 school year.

✓ Students will be classified each day as "present" or "absent." The reason for each absence will no longer be considered; if a student is absent, they will be listed as "absent from school."

✓ All students should make up any missed work resulting from an absence to keep up with their classes. However, make-up work will not remove the absence from their records.



✓ Attendance Procedure for Moss:

✓ Families must call the school <u>each day</u> their student(s) is absent to acknowledge their absence and ensure their safety. Families may also request absences through Infinite Campus

✓ Families must provide a verbal or written excuse explaining the reason for the absence prior to, during, or within three days after an absence.

✓ **All absences will count against the student's chronic absenteeism unless there is a doctor's note.**

✓ Students will have the opportunity to complete make up work from the absence, however the absence will still count towards chronic absenteeism and possible retention or failure.

- If the student is absent due to illness and is seen by a health care professional, families must provide a note from the health care professional to the school. This absence will not count against the student's chronic absenteeism
- If a student is going to be absent for 3 or more days, families must provide a note to school two days prior to their absence. This absence will count against the student's chronic absenteeism.
- Families are encouraged to notify their school of any changes to their contact information, including phone numbers, email address, home address, and emergency contact information.
- There is no longer an option for Distance Learning for students at Marvin Moss. When students are absent due to illness, they will receive missed work upon their return to school. Students will have the number of days missed plus one additional day to complete and return the work.



Time Allocations:

The time varies with the subject area, content matter, teacher, the student's ability, and the complexity of the assigned task.

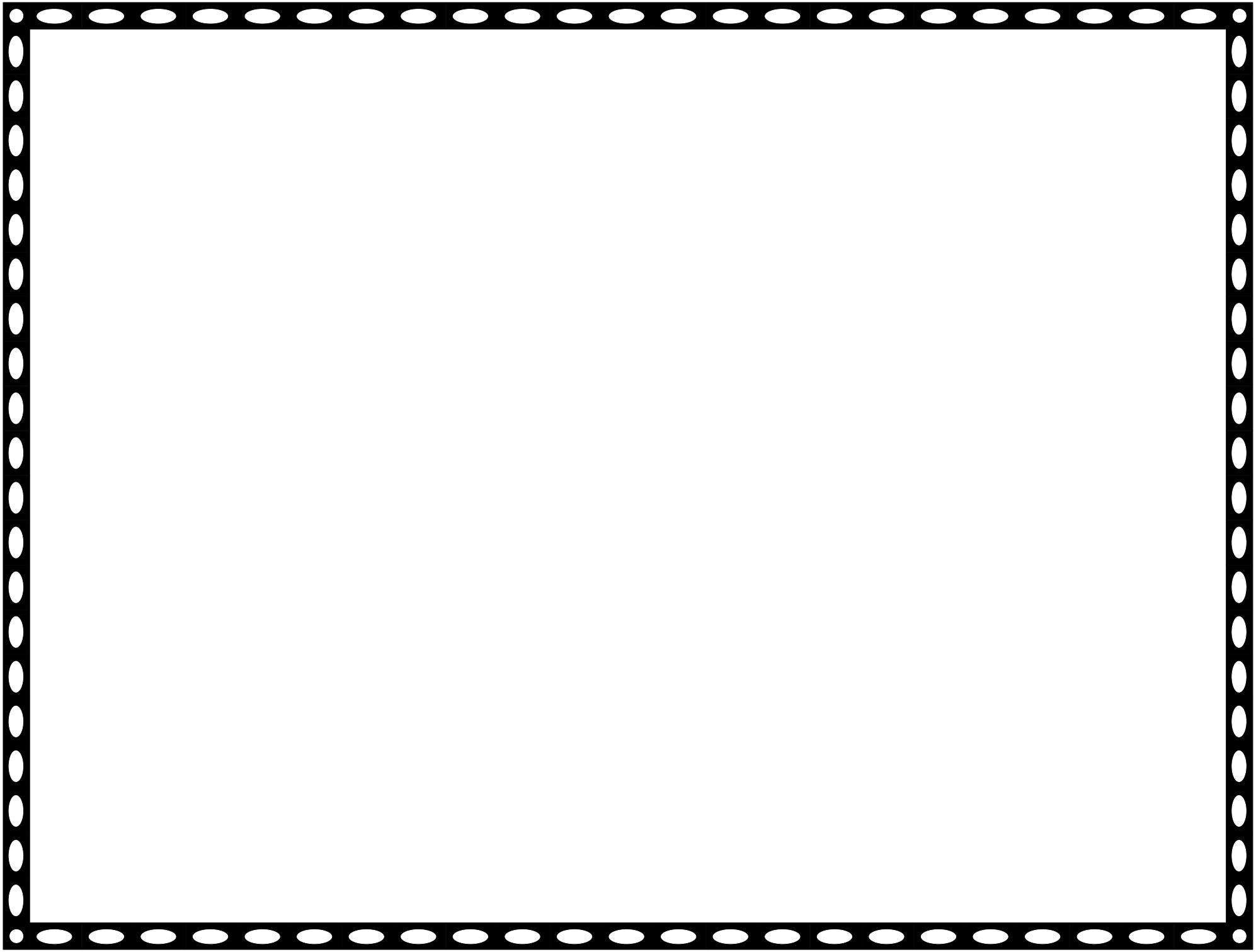
- Grades K: 15 minutes per night
- Grades 1-3: 30 minutes per night
- Grades 4-6: 45 minutes per night
- Grades 7-8: 90 minutes per night (across all subjects)
- Grades 9-12: 120-180 minutes per night (across all subjects)

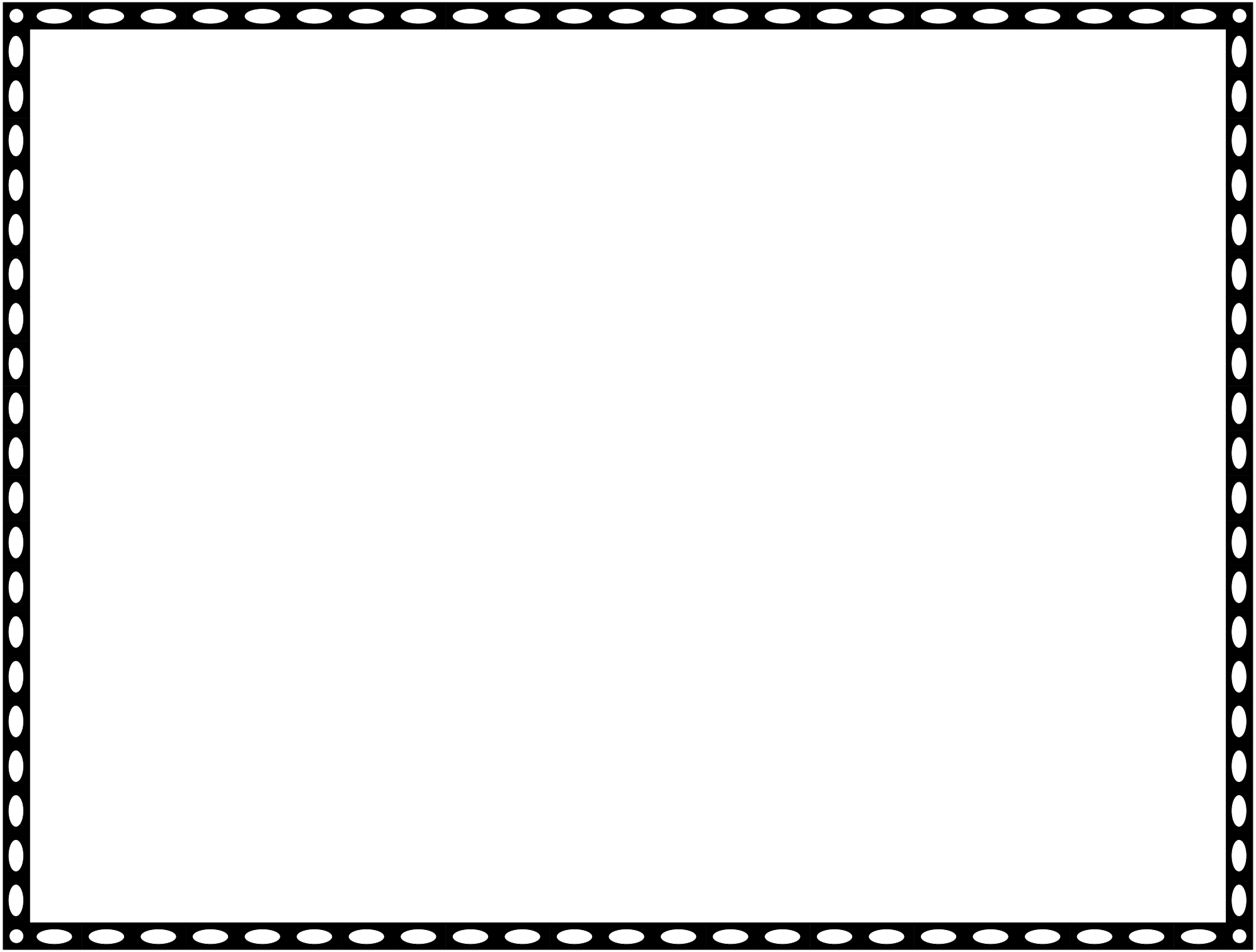


STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Homework is a positive tool
- Ask for help if you don't understand something
- Keep a record of assignments
- Have materials available
- Schedule regular homework time, when possible.
- Be responsible-turn in your homework
- If absent, ask for assignments when you return

Visit the WCSD's HW Policy for more information:
https://www.washoeschools.net/cms/lib/NV01912265/Centricity/Domain/393/Homework%20Policy.pdf





TEACHER RESPONSIBLITIES

- Communicate homework expectations to families
- Homework is not given as punishment
- Monitor students' completion and progress with homework.



Family RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Reinforce the value of homework**
- **Set a specific time and place at home to complete homework**
- **Guide your child in doing his/her homework and encourage him/her to give their best effort.**
- **Set up a meeting with the teacher if concerns arise.**
- **Show interest in your child's work, but let your child complete his/her own work.**

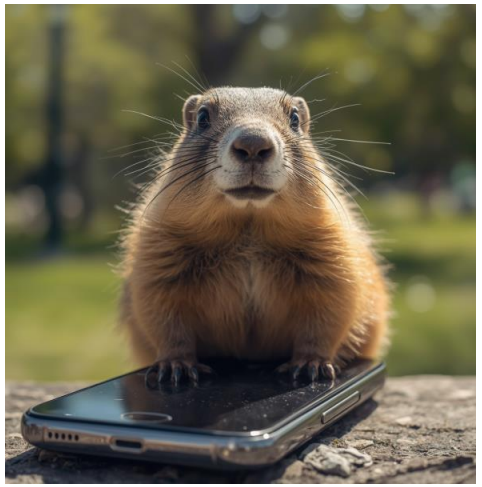
HOMEWORK Allocation POLICY

- a. Average homework times are suggested total time recommendations only and are not meant to be minimum or maximum times. i. Parents: If your child is spending an inordinate amount of time doing homework, you should contact your child's teacher(s). Students are encouraged to pursue non-assigned, independent, leisure reading.
- At the elementary level independent reading is often assigned for homework and does not count towards the suggested minutes outlined above.

Cell Phones

Administrative Regulation 5810 – Use of Personal Electronic Devices By Students
https://www.washoeschools.net/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=48398&ViewID=7b97f7ed-8e5e-4120-848f-a8b4987d588f&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=63061&PageID=18199

Cell phones and Smart Watches must be turned off and kept in the backpack while at school. Cell phones and Smart Watches can't be used during school hours while on campus.

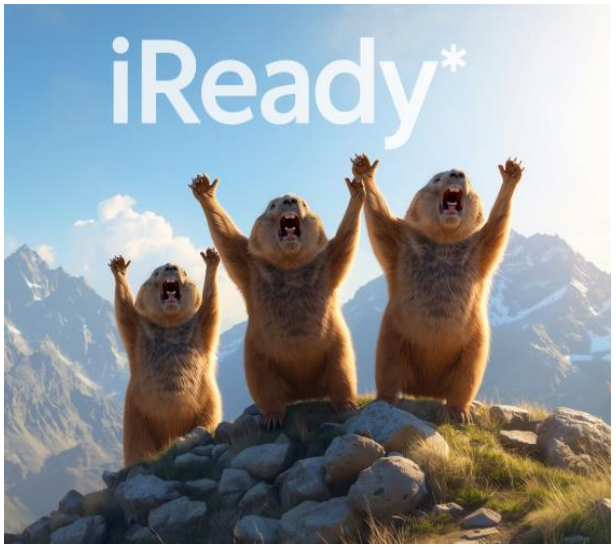


Study Hall Opportunity for Students

We offer Study Hall during the 2:00 p.m. recess to provide growth. To motivate and recognize student effort, students that meet their weekly goals may earn a fun incentive of extra recess/dance party with school administration. students with additional academic support. During this time, students can receive help from staff, complete missing assignments, and make- up assessments.
Please note that any missed assessments must be completed during Study Hall, as they require staff supervision to ensure students are demonstrating their evidence of learning independently.
Study Hall is optional for missing work and corrections to assignments. Study Hall is designed to give students access to extra support during the school day. By using this time, students may have more flexibility after school for extracurricular activities and family time at home.

IReady at Marvin Moss

Marvin Moss uses IReady as an important tool to support student learning in reading and mathematics. IReady begins with a diagnostic assessment to identify each student's strengths and areas for growth. Based on these results, the program creates a personalized learning pathway ("MyPath") with lessons tailored to meet each child's individual needs.
Students are provided dedicated opportunities during the school day—approximately 30 minutes—to work on their individualized MyPath lessons. To ensure consistent progress, students are expected to complete at least 30 minutes per week in Reading and 30 minutes per week in Mathematics, with a lesson pass rate of 67% or higher.
Teachers monitor student progress and use IReady data to inform instruction, provide targeted support, and celebrate growth. To motivate and recognize student effort, students that meet their weekly goals may earn a fun incentive of extra recess/dance party with school administration. To motivate and recognize student effort, students that meet their weekly goals may earn a fun incentive of extra recess/dance party with administration.



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