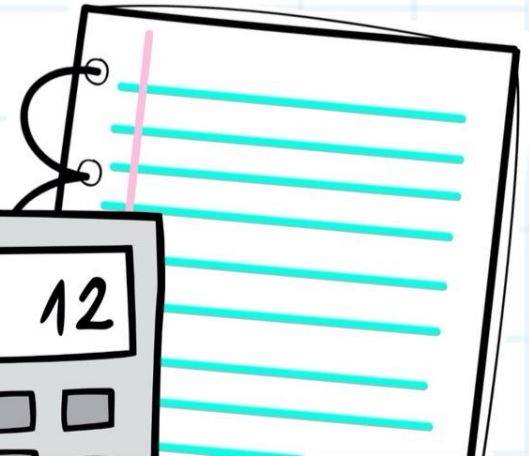
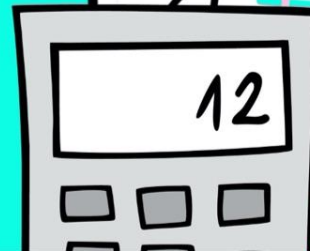
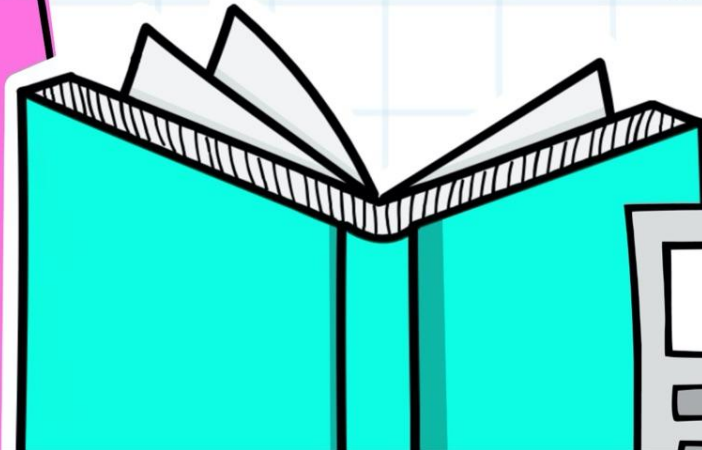


Welcome
To BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT!



IN YOUR FOLDER...

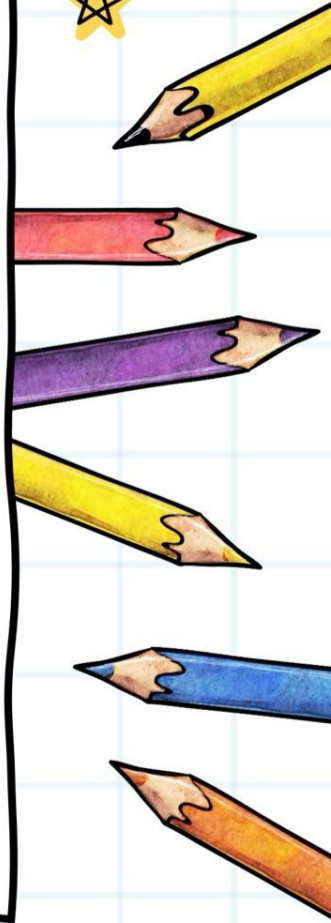


Wednesday Folder Handouts:

- Volunteer Handout
- Class Roster Handout
- Photo Release Permission Slip
- Movie Permission Slip



Please send your student's Wednesday folder back to school by Wednesday.



MEET the TEACHER



WELCOME

★ 14 Years in Education

Passionate about teaching and helping every student reach their full potential.

★ Year 3 at GRE

Loving my journey as part of the Gold Ridge Elementary team.



Meet My Family

Mama of three sweet boys:

- **Gavin** (6 years old)
- **Jaxon** (almost 4 years old)
- **Carter** (6 months old)



MEET the TEACHER



WELCOME



CLASS NORMS

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★ Learning for All

High levels of learning and growth for every student!

★ Supportive Team

In Room F2, we work as a team by supporting one another.

★ Our Three Pillars

We will always choose to be respectful, responsible, and safe.

★ Positive Space

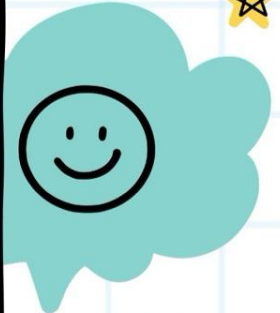
Our classroom will be a positive and comfortable environment.

★ Learning is Fun!

We bring curiosity and excitement to school every single day.

★ The Golden Rule

We will treat others exactly how we would like them to treat us!



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EXPECTATIONS



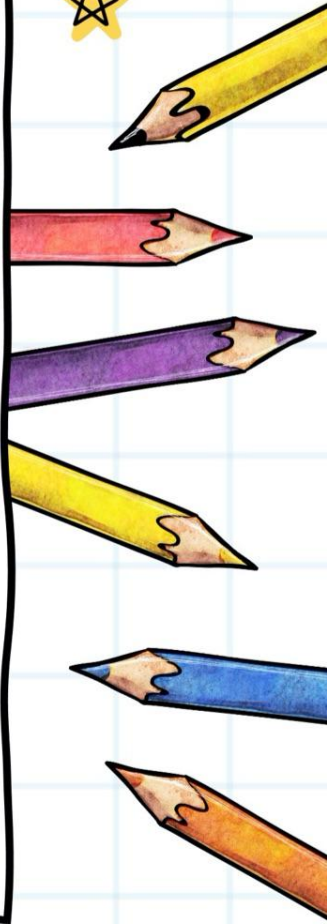
★ **S**elf Control

★ **O**n Task

★ **A**chievement

★ **R**espect

★ These are the behavior expectations for all students in all areas of our school.



Behavior INCENTIVES



"I believe in setting high expectations for mutual respect and polite manners."

Positive Reinforcement

★ SOAR Tickets

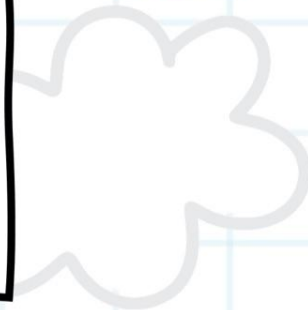
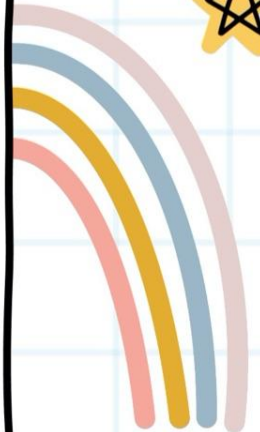
★ Sticker Chart

★ Star Jar

★ Classroom Prizes

★ Verbal or Written

Acknowledgement



DAILY SCHEDULE

Starting on *Monday, August 24th,*
All Kinder-5th Graders: 8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Thursdays are an early release day: 8:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. for ALL students (K-5).

Supervision starts at 8:00 a.m. Please do not drop your child off before 8:00 a.m., unless they are eating breakfast at school.

PE- Monday 8:55 - 9:25 am
Wednesday 11:10- 11:40 am

Library- TBD



SCHEDULE



8:15 – 8:30

Arrival & Morning Meeting

8:30 – 9:10

UFLI Reading Instruction

9:10 – 9:30

Walking Club

9:30 – 10:00

Benchmark Reading/Writing

10:00 – 10:30

WIN Time

10:30 – 10:50

Benchmark Reading/Writing

10:50 – 11:10

Snack / Recess

11:10 – 12:30

Math

12:30 – 1:10

Lunch

1:10 – 1:30

Quiet Time

1:30 – 2:15

Art / Science / Social Studies

2:15 – 2:35

Active Learning

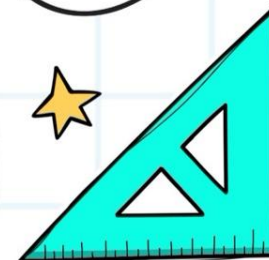
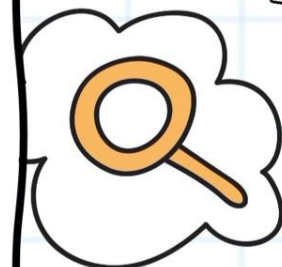
2:35 – 2:45

Clean-up / Closing

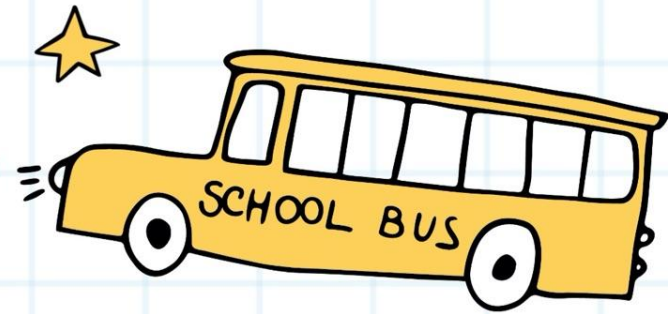
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Dismissal

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SCHOOL



ATTENDANCE



Daily attendance is important for student success!

Build the Habit Early

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves.

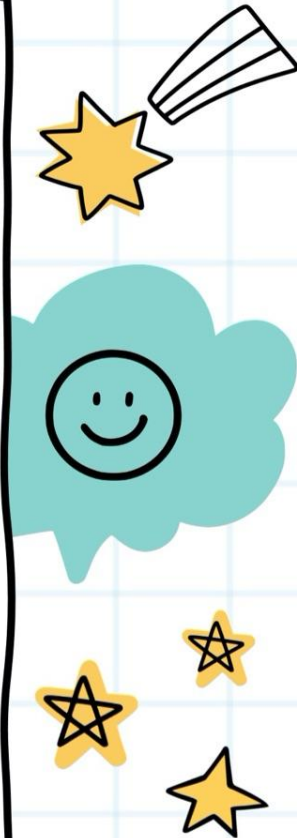
Starting this habit early teaches them that being on time every day is important, building a skill that helps them succeed all the way through college.

Classroom Learning

Engaging in classroom learning is much more effective than making up missed assignments.

In-person discussions, hands-on activities, and direct collaboration with peers cannot be fully replicated at home.

Useful Resource: [Build the Habit of Good Attendance Handout \(PDF\)](#)



WE NEED YOUR HELP!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

- Attendance is the #1 sign a student will graduate.
- Kids who miss 9+ days are 2x more likely to drop out.
- If your family is facing challenges, let's meet and make a plan to support your student.

REMINDERS:

- Vacations and trips should be scheduled outside of the school year. There are more non-school days than school days in a year!
- Parent-Excused Absences: You have 10 days per year for health reasons (mental or physical). After that, we need a doctor's note.

MISSED DAYS ADD UP:

- Being 20 minutes late per day = 2.5 weeks missed each year
- Missing 1 day every 2 weeks = 4 weeks missed each year

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

- Talk to your teacher, principal, or front office anytime. Let's work together!
- Please report every absence to the front office.

RECESS & LUNCH



Snack & Water

Please have your student bring a healthy snack and a water bottle to school daily (water preferred).

Label Everything

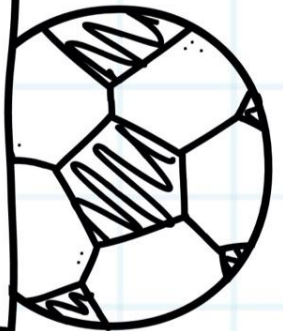
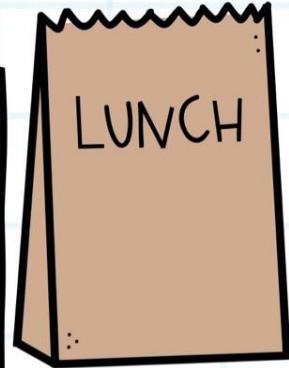
Please make sure your student's snack, lunch, and water bottle are labeled with his/her name.

Check the Menu

Please check the menu with your student the night before so they know which lunch option they would like.

No Food Sharing

No sharing food with others to keep all students safe and healthy.



CURRICULUM

Language Arts

Benchmark Advance
UFLI
STAR / Freckle
Lexia
SIPPS

Math

Innovamat

Science

Amplify
Mystery Science
Science Docent

Social Studies

Social Studies Alive!

SEL

(Social Emotional Learning)
Second Step

Art

Eagle Art

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CURRICULUM

READING - Benchmark Advance

Daily Reading Lessons Include:

- Read Aloud Text
- Comprehension Focus
- Building Vocabulary Skills
- Discussion Oriented
- Reading Groups address Specific Reading Skills

Skills:

- Making Connections
- Author's Purpose and Point of View
- Main Idea and Key Details
- Summarizing
- Predicting

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CURRICULUM

READING - UFLI

(University of Florida Literacy Institute)

UFLI Program Details:

- 40 minutes of daily phonics instruction
- Weekly spelling tests for progress monitoring
- Reading homework with similar patterns to practice

Why Phonics?

✨ **All students need phonics!**

Sight word readers eventually tend to fall behind students who have strong phonics skills.

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CURRICULUM

MATH - Innovamat

Topics:

- Numbers & Place Value
- Addition & Subtraction
- Problem Solving
- Geometry
- Data & Patterns

In our classroom, we will focus on:

- ✨ Understanding why, not just memorizing how
- ✨ Making connections
- ✨ Explaining our thinking
- ✨ Persevering when math feels challenging
- ✨ Learning from one another

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CURRICULUM

SCIENCE - Amplify & Mystery Science

Program Features:

- Exploration-based learning
- Rich visual materials
- Hands-on experiments
- STEM integration

First Grade Topics:

- Animal and Plant Defenses
- Light and Sound
- Patterns in the Sky

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CURRICULUM

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

Program Features:

- Research
- Discussion
- Video Discovery

Topics:

- Government
- Inventors
- Famous Americans
- Investigating the Past
- Basic Economy
- Holidays

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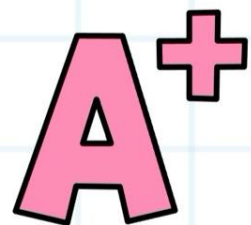
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Daily Practices:

- Second Step SEL Curriculum
- Daily SEL Check-Ins
- Regulation breaks
- Connection activities
- Hands-on learning

Second Step Topics:

- Growth Mindset
- Goal Setting
- Emotion Management
- Empathy & Kindness
- Problem Solving



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

What is SEL?

Social-emotional learning (SEL) is the process of developing the **self-awareness**, **self-control**, and **interpersonal skills** that are vital for school, work, and life success.

At school, we learn more than just academics—we learn how to embrace and manage our emotions, as well as support others.

Classroom Focus:

- **School-wide focus** on positive behavior.
- **Morning Meeting** & Quiet Time (responsive classroom).
- Building a strong, supportive **classroom community**.

Social Growth:

- Developing essential, lifelong **social skills**.
- Nurturing healthy and meaningful **friendships**.
- Fostering empathy and **positive relationships** with peers.



GRADING

Academic Grading:

M

Meeting standards:

Meeting grade level standards

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Developing:

Developing grade level proficiency with steady progress

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Limited:

Limited grade level proficiency with limited progress

Citizenship:

(O) Outstanding

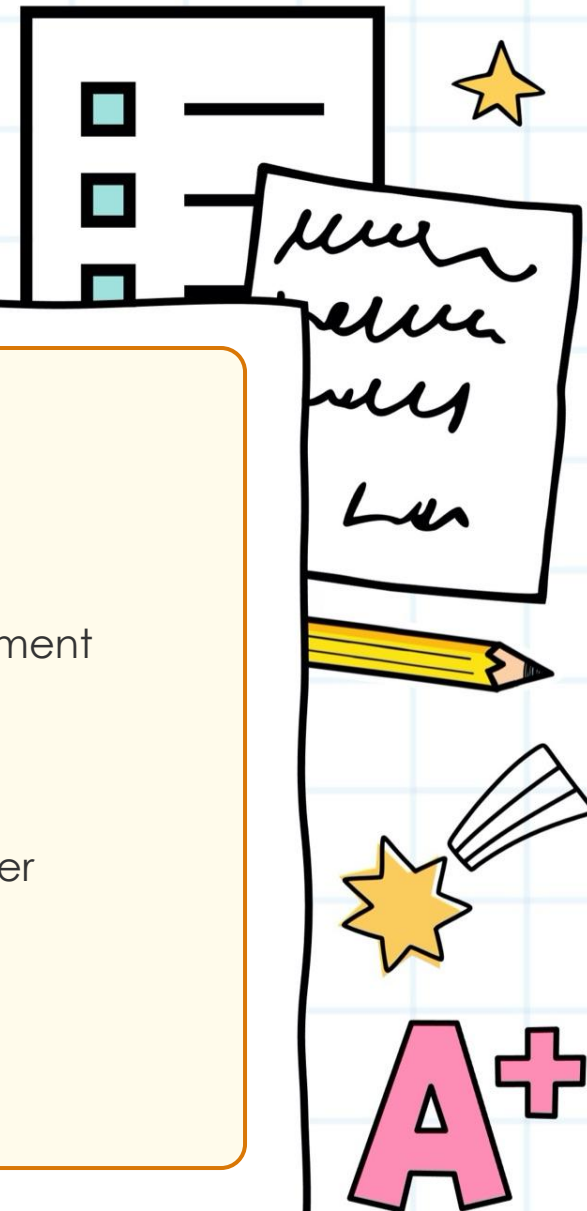
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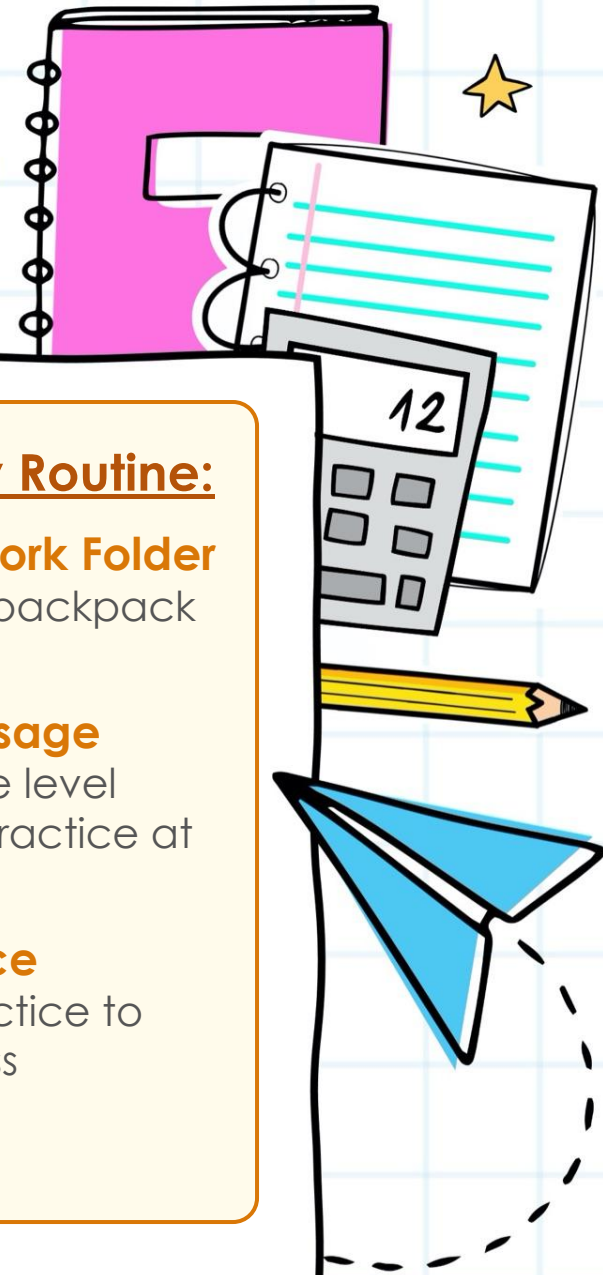
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Report Cards:

- **November**
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)
- **February**
- **May**



HOMework



FCUSD Policy:

- **Brief**
- **Independent Level**
- **Standards Aligned**

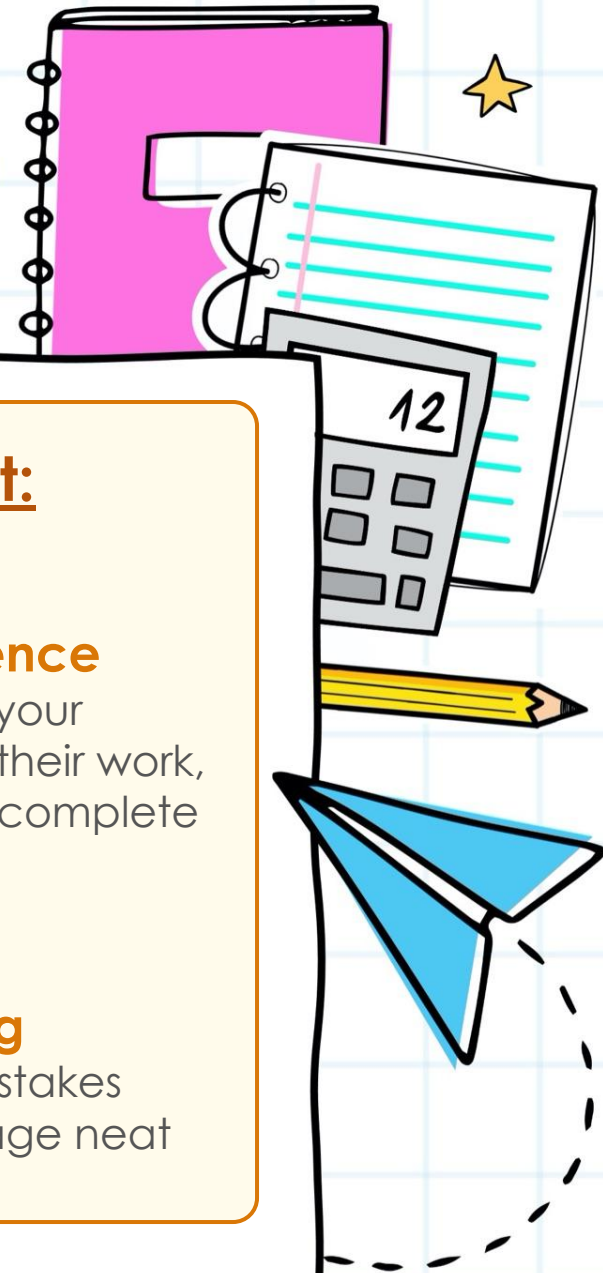
Our Goal:

Homework is intended as a tool for students to build on the skills they have been practicing in class.

Daily & Weekly Routine:

- **Red Homework Folder**
Stays in their backpack daily.
- **Fluency Passage**
Weekly grade level passage to practice at home.
- **Math Practice**
Optional practice to reinforce class concepts.

HOMework



Timeline & Reading:

- **September Start**
Homework will officially begin in September.
- **Active Reading**
Ask your student questions about their reading to build comprehension.

How to Assist:

- **Promote Independence**
Please assist your student with their work, but let them complete it.
- **Quality & Handwriting**
Check for mistakes and encourage neat handwriting.

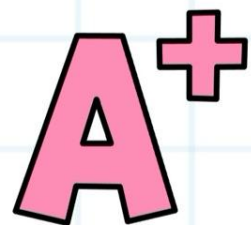
WEDNESDAY FOLDERS

Folder Routine:

- **Review & Go Over**
Please read all information sent home and go over completed work with your student.
- **Correct & Return**
Check if there is work to finish or correct. Send it back as soon as possible.
- **Thursday Return**
Send empty folders back to school the next day (Thursday).

Grading Policy:

- **Classwork**
Classwork is not graded. It is used strictly for learning opportunities.
- **Tests & Assessments**
Tests and assessments will be graded.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Supply Policy:

- **Supplies Provided**
All GRE students are being provided with necessary school supplies.
- **Personal Items**
Please refrain from sending your child to school with extra or personal supplies.

How to Donate:

- **Amazon Wish List**
We keep a running wish list online. You can access it anytime:
[First Grade Wish List](#)
- **Replenishing Supplies**
All donations are very much appreciated and used to replenish our classroom items



CLASS BIRTHDAYS



We love to celebrate each other in Room F-2!



Birthday Treats

You may send one food or non-food item on/around your student's birthday. Please see the handbook.



Guidelines:

- Store-bought ONLY
- Must be completely nut-free



Summer Birthdays

Can celebrate on a different day! Please contact me to coordinate.



Class Information

We currently have **23 students** in our class.



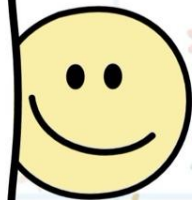
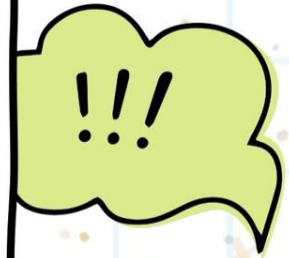
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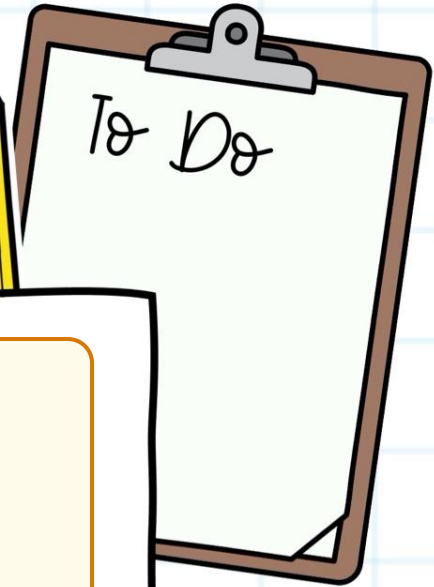


Contact Directory

Reach out if you need classmate contact info. Our class roster will be sent home soon!



VOLUNTEERS

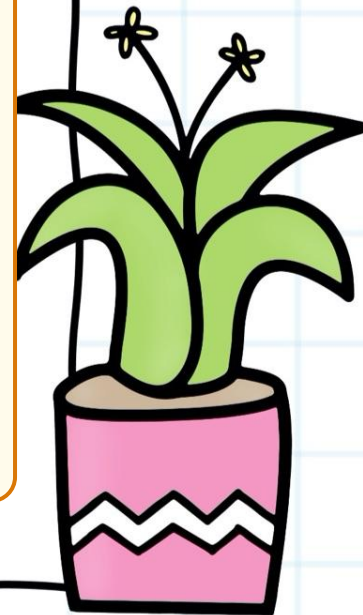


Classroom Roles:

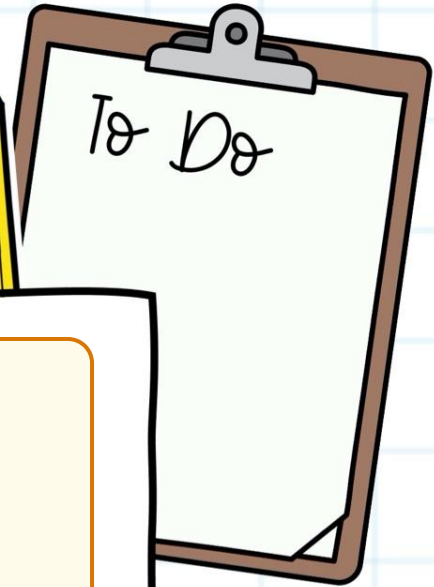
- ★ Room Parent
- ★ Classroom Helpers
- ★ Field Trip Chaperones

School Programs:

- ★ Eagle Art (2-4)
- ★ Garden Club
- ★ Yearbook



VOLUNTEERS



Requirements



Campus Safety

In the interest of student and staff safety, all visitors must sign into the Office when they are on campus.



Paperwork

If you are interested in volunteering, please make sure all of your paperwork is completed and/or updated:

- TB test
- Live Scan fingerprinting
- Category 2 forms

Volunteer Clearance



Category 2 Cleared

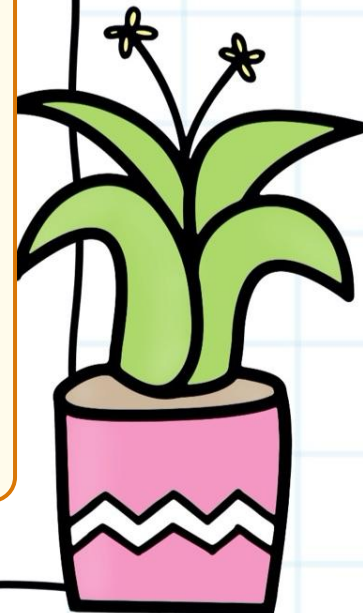
You **must** be Category 2 cleared to volunteer on campus and/or attend field trips.



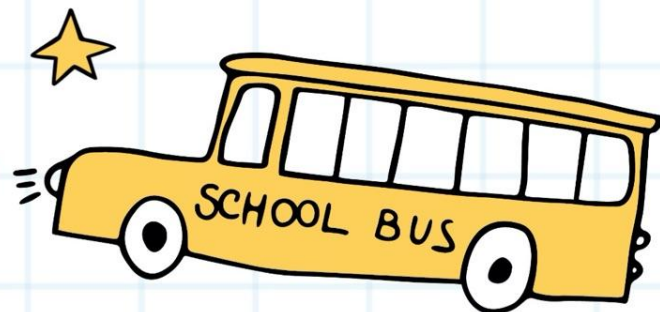
Next Steps

Ready to get started?
Detailed guide and forms are available online.

[Volunteer Info Here](#)



FIELD TRIPS



Trip Planning

Securing Trips

Our grade level team is working on securing a few field trips.



Stay Tuned

More detailed information will follow as soon as trips are finalized.

Chaperones

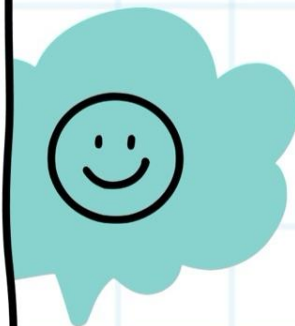
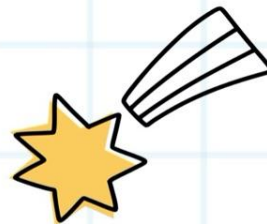
Category 2 Cleared

You must be a cleared Category 2 volunteer to chaperone.



Get Cleared Early

If you are interested in chaperoning, please get cleared as soon as possible.



COMMUNICATION



ParentSquare

Get in Touch

Feel free to reach out to me on Parent Square! I welcome all questions, comments, and concerns.

Weekly Updates

I will post a weekly message on Parent Square to keep you updated.

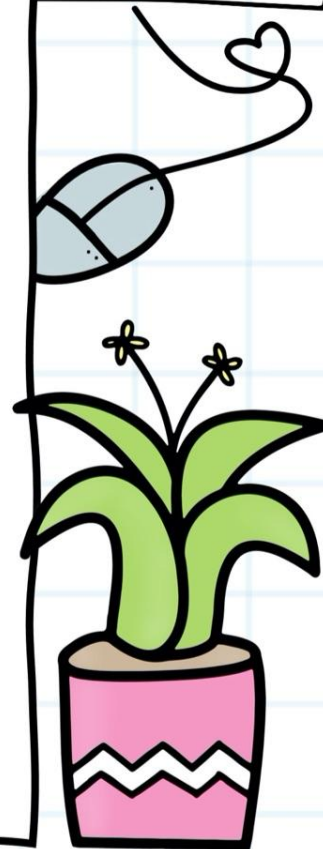
Wednesday Folder

Weekly Check

Please be sure to check your child's Wednesday Folder each week.

Read Messages

Remember to read the weekly update message sent home in the folder.



Thank You!