

Back to school



Meet The Teacher



Welcome to 3rd grade! My name is Mr. English and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year!

This is my 29th year teaching and I have spent my entire career teaching at Gold Ridge Elementary.

I absolutely LOVE teaching 3rd grade and am so excited about all the fun we are going to have.

I can't wait to get to know you and your child as we embark on our adventure through 3rd grade together!

Mr. English

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Email or Parent Square is the best way to reach me. I will respond as soon as I can.



8:15 AM	OPENING
8:30 AM	FOUNDATIONAL READING
8:50 AM	MATH BLOCK
9:50 AM	RECESS
10:10 AM	E.L.A. BLOCK
11:10 AM	RECESS/LUNCH
11:50 AM	W.I.N. BLOCK
12:30 PM	WRITING BLOCK
1:10 PM	SCI./S.S./S.E.L. BLOCKS
2:30 PM	HOMEWORK & DISMISSAL



D2 JEDI ACADEMY DAILY SCHEDULE

Attendance Policy

- If your child will be absent please be sure to call in and inform the office.
- If your child will arrive after 8:15 AM they must check in with the office to obtain a late pass.
- If your child must leave during the day please make sure you contact the office ahead of time.
- You will receive a text message, phone call, and email if there is a snow day or late start.
- <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qlyehhzExEh8uQ3REWAb9xhPOAjDhLOFgPt6QuC8ft4/edit?usp=s>haring

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



REMINDERS:

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 create a plan to support your student.

Vacations and trips should be scheduled outside of the school year. There are more non-school days in the year than school days.

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

Talk to your teacher, principal, or front office anytime. Let's work together!

Please report every absence to the front office.

Birthdays

We LOVE celebrating birthdays! If your child's birthday is in the summer, no worries, we can celebrate their half-birthday.

Your child is welcome to bring in snacks to share with the class, just make sure they come in pre-wrapped packages (sorry, no homemade treats - school policy) and that they are nut free.



If your child plans to hand out birthday invitations, please have them given to the teacher to pass out privately in Take Home Folders.

Snack & Lunch



- Each day your child has the option to bring in a snack. Just make sure they are healthy. (No candy and nothing with nuts.)
- Only water is allowed in the classroom. Your child may bring a water bottle.
- Each day your child has the option to bring a lunch from home or select a free school lunch.
- The lunches for the day are available to see on the school website.
- Free breakfast is available daily from 7:45 – 8:00 AM.

Homework



- Homework is an important way to bridge the partnership between home and school, while providing reinforcement of classroom learning.
- Each day expect 20-30 minutes of work.
- Check your child's orange homework folder each day.
- Homework is Monday to Thursday. There is no homework on Fridays.
- I understand life is busy. I continuously strive to provide balance and accommodations if needed.

Classroom Rules

Rule 1

- Listen when others are talking

Rule 2

- Always follow directions

Rule 3

- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself

Rule 4

- Work quietly and do not disturb others

Rule 5

- Show respect for school and personal property

Rule 6

- Work and play in a safe manner



Electronics Policy

- Cell phones must be kept in backpacks at all times
 - If not, the cell phone will be brought to the office and only a parent may pick it up.
- School devices are strictly monitored and must be used appropriately.
- Students will use Chromebooks for testing as needed and for occasional assigned work.

Behavior Policy

Our mission is to provide a safe, secure, and academic community. Every child has a right to an education. Thus, any behavior that distracts from this mission will be addressed. We encourage positive behavior and discipline misbehavior through the use of logical consequences.

Please refer to our School Behavior Policy for more detail. It is located in the School Handbook.

Daily Recess



- Students will get 40 minutes of recess each day.
- PLEASE make sure your child is prepared for the weather.
- If the temperature exceeds 90 Fahrenheit, it will be an indoor recess day. During inside recess students will have get to pick between a variety of choice activities.
- The same above procedures will apply for rainy day weather.

Supporting Your Child

Students are most successful when they receive support from home and school. It is a powerful partnership - a winning formula!

A few ways to help:

- ☐ - Check the Homework Folder each day
- ☐ - Assist with homework as needed
- ☐ - Communicate with me frequently to let me know how things are going

Curriculum Highlights

District performance target: 3rd Grade Literacy through use of reading/writing programs.

We use Benchmark Advance and Mystery Writing.

Students will learn the R.A.C.E.S. writing method to write narrative, informative and persuasive pieces.

For math, we have Innovamat Math, which is a new adoption this year.

We will regularly complete science/social studies themes.

In addition, students will receive art and music lessons.

Specialists

- Each week, your child will receive 60 minutes of P.E. with Mrs. Allen, our P.E. teacher.
- Each week, students will attend library one day and be able to check out two books. BOOKS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE CHECKED OUT UNLESS ALL PREVIOUS BOOKS ARE RETURNED.
- Students will receive music once a week as well on Tuesdays.
- Students will have Eagles Art every six weeks or so and also once a month from the Folker's, a retired teacher couple.



Volunteer

We LOVE having volunteers join us in helping to keep our class running smoothly! **Please sign up today** if you are interested. **IN ORDER TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANYTHING AT SCHOOL, YOU MUST BE A CATEGORY 2 VOLUNTEER.** This means you have a current TB test on file as well as having been fingerprinted.

Some possible volunteer tasks could include:

- Room Parents (1-2)
- Work with small groups on math or reading activities
- Eagles Art docents
- Field trip chaperones



Drop-Off Procedure

- Our goal is to avoid traffic congestion and keep the line moving safely.
- Your child can be dropped off anytime after 7:40 AM (Note - the school day begins at 8:15 AM)
- There is only one way through, so please patiently keep your vehicle in a single-lane line
- A staff member and patrols will be there to assist
- PLEASE BE PATIENT - we are always doing our best! Thank you!

Pick-up Procedure

- I will walk students to the pick-up area at 2:45pm. It is the gate by the front of the multi-purpose room.
- Students who go to Student Care will be excused from the classroom.
- If you pick up your child from the parking lot, please follow staff instructions to help with the flow of traffic.
- Students may ride their bikes to school and home as long as they have a bike contract on file in the front office.

Questions?