

5th Grade-Mr. Linebarger

A Little About Me!

Family & Roots

 Married with 2 boys

 San Francisco roots

School History

 Kindergarten & 5th Teacher

 Vice Principal role

 CA Dept. of Education

Philosophy

 Better Than Yesterday

 You ain't livin' if you ain't laughin'

 Child as a person first, student second



My Classroom Philosophy

☀️ You are your child's first educator...your influence is enormous

🏠 My goal is to help your child fall in love with school and fall in love with being here

🤝 We're on the same team

📈 I'm not interested in how your child is doing compared to others. I'm interested in how your child is doing compared to themselves... yesterday.

💪 My hope for the year is everyone gives level 4 effort everyday. I don't want perfect work, I want their best work. I want precision and care, not perfection.



Communication - We Are a Team!

ParentSquare

-  Download the app
-  Access class messages
-  Updates & direct chat

Weekly & Media

-  Wednesday folders
-  Share family pics
-  "No news is good news"

Direct Contact

-  Email me directly:
llinebargeriv@fcusd.org
-  We are a team!



Report Cards & Progress

Academic Grades

 Letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) given for core subjects and Music

 Music grades are determined & given directly by Music teachers

 An "F" grade means "FIX"

Learning Skills

 Evaluated on: Outstanding, Good, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement

 Focuses on showing respect to peers/adults and paying attention

 Measures self-control and accepting responsibility for actions

How to Check

 Visit the Gold Ridge Elementary school website

 Click on PowerSchool Portal (local)



Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC)

I will meet with every student's family at the end of the 1st trimester to discuss progress. Thereafter, we will meet on an as-needed basis.

Absences



Every Day Counts

 Try to have your child at school every day, as health permits.

 Keep Independent Studies to a minimum, as in-person instruction is key.



How to Report

 Call the admin office or use the GRE website to report absences.

 For scheduled absences or early sign-outs, please let me know.



Missed Work

 If your child is absent, I will ask them to make up important missed assignments.



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.

It's a BIG Year!

Language Arts

 Reading focus on comprehension and active analysis.

 Writing complex sentences with appropriate punctuation.

 Master the RACE strategy to efficiently answer questions.

 Draft: Opinion, Narrative, and Informational essays.

Math & Science

 Explore new mathematical concepts using Innovamat.

 Hands-on science lessons with Mystery Science.

 Homework: math and reading

Core Studies

 Social Studies: US History curriculum powered by TCI.

 Health: Interactive wellness through The Great Body Shop.

 More detailed information about health coming soon!

General Schedule

- 8:15-10:30 Academic Program
- 10:30-10:50 Recess
- 10:50-11:50 Academic Program
- 11:50-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-2:45 Academic Program/dismissal
- 1:15 dismissal on Thursdays

- Music Block
- Library
- Class PE
- Team PE

Some VIP Things to Keep in Mind

Teamwork⁰¹

Teamwork and parent support is key to success this year.

Challenge⁰²

Students will be challenged but with your support, it will be a blast.

AAA⁰³

Meeting and exceeding AAA expectations throughout the school year.

Accountability⁰⁴

Accountability is key! I will hold each student accountable, and parent support at home makes it even better.

Our Community Agreements

Belonging01

everyone belongs
here

Equality02

everyone is equally
important as the
person next to them

Respect03

no room here for
hate or put downs

Connection04

only room for
growth and
connection, both as
students and
people

Classroom Rules & Expectations

Our Core Rules

- Safety first
- Listen when others are talking
- Follow directions
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Work quietly and do not disturb others
- Respect school and personal property

Classroom Policies

- **Keep Toys at Home:** Please leave all toys, fidgets, trading cards, and slime at home.
- **Classroom Hats:** No hats worn inside the classroom.
- **FCUSD Device Policy:** Cell phones and smart watches must be silenced and remain in backpacks while on campus.

Expectations & Steps

Students are expected to behave like mature 5th graders.

Consequences Path:

1. Warning
2. Parent Communication
3. Referral
4. Meet with Principal

**Disciplinary Actions/Forms are detailed in the Gold Ridge Handbook*

Birthdays!

Heads Up01

Please give me a heads up before the celebration.

Store Bought02

Store bought treats only for safety and dietary guidelines.

33 Students03

Please bring enough treats to share with all 34 students.

Easy Treats04

No cakes or pies... bring a treat that is easy to hand out.

Volunteering

Classroom Programs

- Eagle Art
- Room Parent
- Sunflower Scholars

Events & Committees

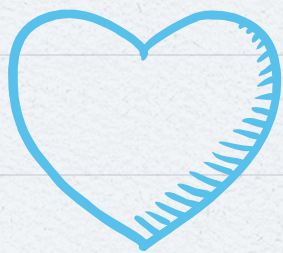
- **End of Year Committees:** moving on ceremony, yearbook
- **Chaperone Opportunities:** Broadstone Pool Day and hopefully a field trip or two.

Get Started

Important Step:

Complete Volunteer Paperwork in Office

All volunteers must be cleared before participating.



THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR
CHILDREN WITH GOLD RIDGE!