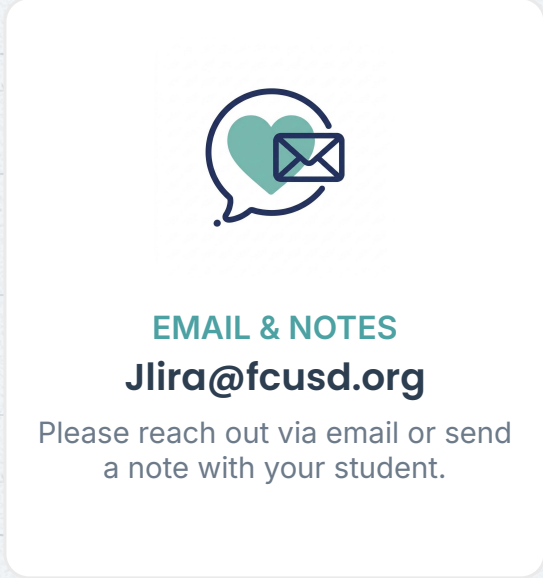


4TH GRADE 2026/2027

A BIT ABOUT
ME...
MRS. LIRA





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PARENTSQUARE APP

Highly Encouraged

I highly encourage you to download the Parent Square app, where I will communicate classroom activities, give updates, and share class pictures.



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Office Hours
**Monday, Wednesday
and Friday**

Email me to set up a time to meet
after school

***Check in at the office first**



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CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

DAILY EXPECTATIONS

- Show respect to all
- Make good choices
- Solve your problems
- Do your best, work hard & have fun!

CONSEQUENCES

Warning
Walk and Talk the Map
Parent/Principal Contact
Meet with Principal

SOAR FRAMEWORK Schoolwide

Self Control

On Task

Achievement

Respect

BEHAVIOR SYSTEMS

- **SOAR tickets/Assemblies**
- **Dojo Dollars**
- **Shout-Out Recognitions**
- **Fun Fridays**

Take time to review the [Gold Ridge Student Handbook](#) with your student

OUR CLASSROOM COMMUNITY

Kindness & Inclusion

Our classroom is built on the core values of kindness, inclusion, belonging, and developing a strong growth mindset.

Support & Trust

Fourth grade is a big year, and developing grit requires support and trust in both directions. We focus on ensuring every student feels safe, supported, and valued.

Growth Mindset

We emphasize that we try our best, even when tasks are challenging, to foster resilience and a love for learning.



DAILY ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Consistent Attendance is **ESSENTIAL** for student learning!

Breakfast Program

7:40 AM

Service Begins Daily

Students participating in the school breakfast program should arrive starting at this time to eat.

Student Drop-Off

8:00 AM

Earliest General Arrival

Drop off without breakfast begins at 8:00 AM. Students arriving earlier are automatically included in breakfast.

Please keep **Independent Studies** to a minimum, as in-person instruction is key!

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!

- Reading
 - SIPPS Challenge Level
 - Benchmark - Reading Strategies - balance of fiction and nonfiction text
 - California State Reading Standards supplied
- Writing
 - Cursive
 - Grammar
 - Vocabulary
 - Step Up to Writing and Mystery Writing - Short response through RACE strategy, paragraph and multiple paragraph writing, Opinion/Persuasive, Narrative, and Informational
- Math
 - New Innova Mat
 - Math Facts! - CRITICAL - Please Practice Multiplication & Division
 - California State Math Standards supplied

IT'S A BIG YEAR! CONT...

- Social Studies
 - TCI - California History
- Science
 - Amplify & Mystery Science
 - Energy Conversion, Vision & Light, Earth's Features, Waves, Energy & Information
- Technology
 - Google Classroom (online assignments)
 - Typing, keyboarding skills
 - Google Docs, Google Slides
- Social Emotional Learning
 - 2nd Step
- PE
 - One day a week, our classroom only
 - Four days a week, team PE

GENERAL SCHEDULE



Daily Routine

08:15 - 10:10 Academic Program

10:10 - 10:30 Recess

10:30 - 11:50 Academic Program

11:50 - 12:30 Lunch

01:10 - 02:45 Academic Program / WIN



Weekly Blocks

Music Block

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Library Block

TBD

Class PE

TBD

HOMework & HOME SUPPORT

Policy

- Given Mon-Thu (except math test days)
- Not graded
- Optional
- Students use a daily planner for accountability

Typical Entry

- Read 30 Mins
- Math Practice Page

Home Support

- Emphasize reading every night
- Check Wednesday folders & backpacks
- Cultivate routine: review & reteach
- Let me know if struggling



ASSESSMENT AND PROGRESS

STANDARDIZED & FORMAL

- Star Reading
- Star Math
- Oral Reading Fluency (mClass)
- Innovamat Tests
- Multi & Div math facts
- Google Classroom Assessments
- Writing Assessments

FORMATIVE & ONGOING

Common Formative Assessments

- (check for understanding, guide instruction
- not graded)
- **Observation**
- **Exit Tickets**
- **Google Classroom** Progress Checks
- **Sample work**

GRADING

GRADING SCALE

A90 - 100%
B80 - 90%
C70 - 79%
D60 - 69%
F50 - 59%

Letter grades in Math, Science,
Reading, Writing, & Social Studies.

LEARNING SKILLS

- ◆ Shows respect for adults & peers
- ◆ Pays attention during instruction
- ◆ Controls unnecessary talking
- ◆ Accepts responsibility for actions

CHECK GRADES

Follow steps online:

1. Visit the **Gold Ridge Elementary** website.
2. Click on the **PowerSchool Portal** link.
3. Click on the letter grade in each subject to view specific assignments.



VOLUNTEERING

- Room Parent - 1-2 volunteers
- Eagle Art Docent - 2-3 volunteers
- *NEW!* Sunflower Scholars Docent - 2-3 volunteers
- Wednesday Folder Helper
- Photographer/Yearbook Assembler

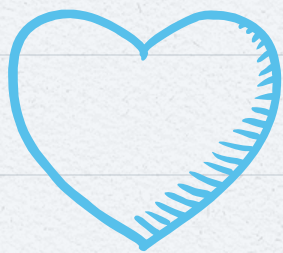
Mandatory Clearance Requirement

To volunteer on campus or for field trips, you must have **Category 2 Clearance**. Paperwork is available at the Administration Office. Begin this process as soon as possible.

WE LOVE TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!

- ◆ Single serving, **non-homemade** treats are encouraged!
- ◆ Please notify me in advance (at least one day before).
- ◆ "Goodie bags" will be handed out at the end of the day.
- ◆ Please pass out party invitations outside of the school day.
- ◆ Please save balloons and gifts for home.





THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!

