

4th Grade-Mrs.Nakano

A Little About Me!



21 Years of Teaching

Dedicated to nurturing young minds



4th, 5th & 6th Grade

Rich experience across upper elementary



Hobbies & Free Time

Traveling, nature, being with friends, and working at a local theater



Communication - We Are a Team!



ParentSquare

Download the ParentSquare app to stay updated and connected.

- Access daily class messages & assignments
- View class pictures & school updates
- Communicate directly with me



Email Contact

Feel free to reach out via email for any specific questions, concerns, or individual feedback.

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Report Cards



Letter Grades

Grades (A, B, C, D, F) will be given for core subjects:

- Reading & Writing
- Math & Science
- Listening & Speaking
- Social Studies & Music

*** Music teachers will be giving music grades.**



Learning Skills

Evaluated as Outstanding, Good, Satisfactory, or Needs Improvement:

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



To Check Grades

Follow these steps online:

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

Absences



Daily Attendance

- Try to have your child at school every day, as health permits.
- Please keep Independent Studies to a minimum, as in person instruction is key.



Reporting

- Call the admin office or use the GRE website to report your child's absence.
- If you have a scheduled absence or early sign-out, please try to let me know.



Missed Work

- If your child is absent, they will be asked to make up the important assignments they've missed.



It's a BIG Year!



Reading

- **Whole Group:**
Benchmark Advance
- **Small Group:**
Intervention as needed
- **Individual:** Book analysis & higher order thinking



Writing

- Complex structures (conjunctions, semicolons)
- RACE strategy for efficient answers
- **Mystery Writing:**
Opinion, Narrative, Informational
- Individualized Spelling



Math & Science

- **Math:**
Innovamat program
- **Science:** Amplify & Mystery Science curriculum



Social Studies

- **TCI Program:** US History focus (4th Grade)
- Exploring key historical eras, figures, and foundational events

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

Student Planner



Daily Task

- Tasks to be completed after school each day.
- Serves as an essential link between school and home.



Parent Review

Important Information

Please review your child's planner each day as an additional form of daily communication.



Example Entries

- Read for your Individual Book Report
- Optional math practice page
- Individualized Spelling/Grammar assignment



Classroom Rules

- ## Expectations & Policies

Electronics: Phones and smart watches must be silenced and remain in backpacks while on campus.

Consequences: Warning → Parent Contact → Referral → Meet Principal.

Handbook: Actions & forms are detailed in the Gold Ridge Handbook.

School Expectations

 Self-control

0 On-task

A Achievement



Go Eagles!

Birthdays!

Guidelines

We LOVE to celebrate birthdays with our students! To participate, please follow these options:

- Bring an easy snack or non-edible item to share with the whole class.
- Please notify me ahead of time so we can plan accordingly!

Allergy & Safety Policy

Due to several severe food allergies in our classroom, we must enforce strict safety rules. Please do NOT bring:

- **Treats containing any nuts.**
- **Home-baked goods (all items must have printed ingredient labels).**

Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe and healthy!



Volunteering



Eagle Art Docent

1-2 volunteers



Garden Club

1-2 volunteers



Room Parent

1-2 volunteers to organize
and lead parties



Complete Volunteer Paperwork in Office



Jo Bucks & Prizes

Earning Tokens

Tokens are awarded to monitor:

- Classwork Completion
- Excellent Behavior
- Good Citizenship

Jo Bucks & Prizes

Spend your Jo Bucks on:

- Purchasing fun items
- Exciting end-of-year activity!

Study Hall

In Class Tasks

- Complete missing assignments
- Fix assignments where they didn't reach their personal potential
- Serve time for poor behavioral decisions



Alternate Activity

If students do not have study hall, they will have an opportunity to select an alternate activity.

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:

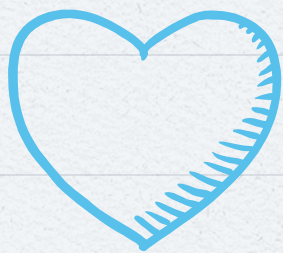
- Vacations and trips should be scheduled outside of the school year. There are more non-school days than school days in a year!
- Parent-Excused Absences: You have 10 days per year for health reasons (mental or physical). After that, we need a doctor's note.

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!