BACK to SCHOOL

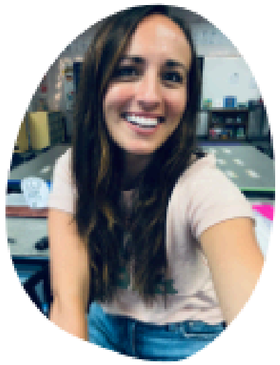
with Mrs. Kepler



Carmella



Caroline



MEET THE TEACHER

Kaila Kepler

INTRODUCTION

Hi 5th Grade families!

My name is Mrs. Kepler and I will be your teacher this year! I look forward to getting to you!

This is my 9th year at Gold Ridge. I have two daughters who are in 4th and 7th grade, who have both attending/ed Gold Ridge.

CONTACT ME

Phone: 916.294.9140

Email: kkepler@fcusd.org

Room: D6

MY FAVOURITES

- Number: 36
- Color: peach/muted shades of green
- Food: sushi
- Sport: pickleball & baseball/softball
- Season: autumn
- Flowers: wild flowers & peonies

I DON'T LIKE

- Horror movies
- Wet socks
- Driving over long bridges
- Spiders, snakes and coachroaches

BIRTHDAY

- September 1st

SCHOOL INFORMATION



01

Principal: Wendy Sol

Office Hours: 7:30 - 4:00 pm

Phone: 294-9140

02

Teacher: Kaila Kepler

Room: D6

Phone: 294-9140
ext. 240246

03

**Please don't let your child arrive on campus before 7:40, as there is no yard supervision.

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.

DAILY ATTENDANCE

Consistent attendance is essential for student success.
8:15 am - 2:45 pm

- Please have your child at school and on time each day. If your child is going to be late, please stop by the office to get a late slip and staff will walk them to class.

- If you need to take your child out of school early for the day, please stop by the office and sign him/her out at the office before coming to the classroom.

ABSENCE

- When your child is absent, please call the office at (916) 294-9110 to notify them.

- If you know you'll be out of town for 3 or more school days, we can arrange for Independent Study work to be sent home with your child. The minimum days missed must be 3 for Independent Study. Please notify the office and your child's teacher AT LEAST 10 DAYS in advance. Your child's teacher will prepare an Independent Study so your child will get credit for days absent. The principal will sign off on an Independent Study once your request is received and the teacher has prepared the work.

Expectations

We have a school and class focus on: **S (Self Control), O (On-task), A (Achievement), R (Respect).**

Here is a list of current class expectations:

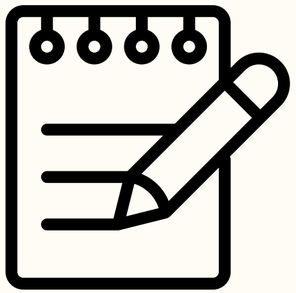


1. Be kind and helpful
2. Follow directions quickly
3. Be responsible for your learning and materials
4. Be safe
5. Treat others with respect, including their learning styles

Students following these principles may earn praise, Eagle tickets, treats, extra recess, special lunch with teacher, or extra privileges.

Students who ignore these rules may receive the following logical consequences:

- Restorative action
- Lose privileges
- Community service (clean tables in lunchroom, pick up trash on campus, etc.)
- Counseling with Teacher and/or Principal
- Note or phone call home
- Social Stories



Classroom Themes

Being kind vs being nice

Know my zones

Worry about me

Firm boundaries

The Power of Yet / Growth Mindset



"We lead with kindness, grow with grit, and give our very best."

MEALS AND SNACKS



breakfast

WILL BE SERVED DAILY FROM 7:40 - 8:00 AM

The doors will close at 8:00 am sharp, and students will be able to leave at that time.



snack

WILL SHOULD BE NUTRITIOUS AND NOT MESSY

Snack ideas include fruits/veggies, applesauce, yogurts, cheese and crackers, etc. No gum or candy at any time please.



lunch

WILL HAVE 2 FREE OPTIONS

Students will make their choices first thing.

OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

8:15 - 8:45 Morning work, Morning Meeting
8:45 - 9:45 Math
9:45 - 10:30 Language Arts
10:30 - 10:50 Recess
10:50 - 11:45 SS/Science or Music
11:50 - 12:30 Lunch
12:30 - 12:40 Reset/Read aloud
12:40 - 1:10 Writing
1:10 - 1:40 MTSS/WIN Time
1:40 - 2:05 2nd Step/ VAPA
2:05 - 2:15 Clean up
2:15 - 2:45 Team PE
2:45 - Dismissal

MAY have changes

Music- Tuesday and Thursday 11:10 -11:45 am
Art - Wednesday 9:15-10 am
Library - TBD

Mr. Linebarger
Mrs. Duarte

MTSS/WIN

"Multi-Tiered System of Supports"

Students will be rotating to other classes throughout the year to support with their academic success.

TOGETHER
WE GROW

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Students will participate in Team PE 3-4 days a week to meet PE minutes, as well meeting with Mrs. Allen

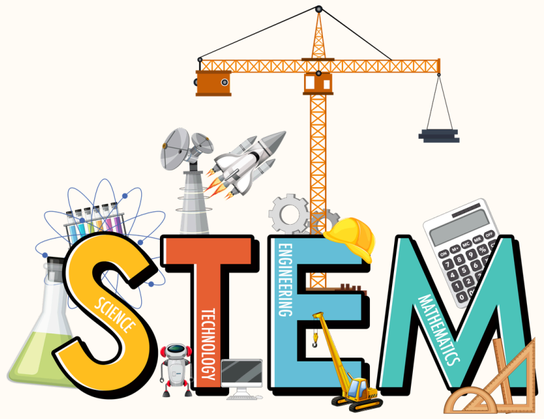
- Please be sure your child wears clothing and shoes that are appropriate for P.E. on those days.

- Water bottles and sunscreen are important, especially while it is still hot at the beginning of the year.

- If health reasons require your child to be excused for a session, please send a note to the teacher that day.

- If your child will need extended time off from P.E., please send a doctor's note indicating the request.





Curriculum



Math: Innovamat

Language Arts: Benchmark



Writing: Step Up To Writing, Mystery Writing

Social Studies: TCI

Science: Amplify, Mystery Science + Garden Program

Art: Eagle Art

SEL: Second STEP



Health: The Great Body Shop



Assessments

DISTRICT/STATE

Renaissance: Math and Reading

Lexia: Reading

CAASPP: State testing in spring for math and reading

CLASSROOM

DIBELS/Reading Test: 1 minute read for fluency and comprehension

Phonics: Sipps and Spelling

Benchmark (language arts): assessments

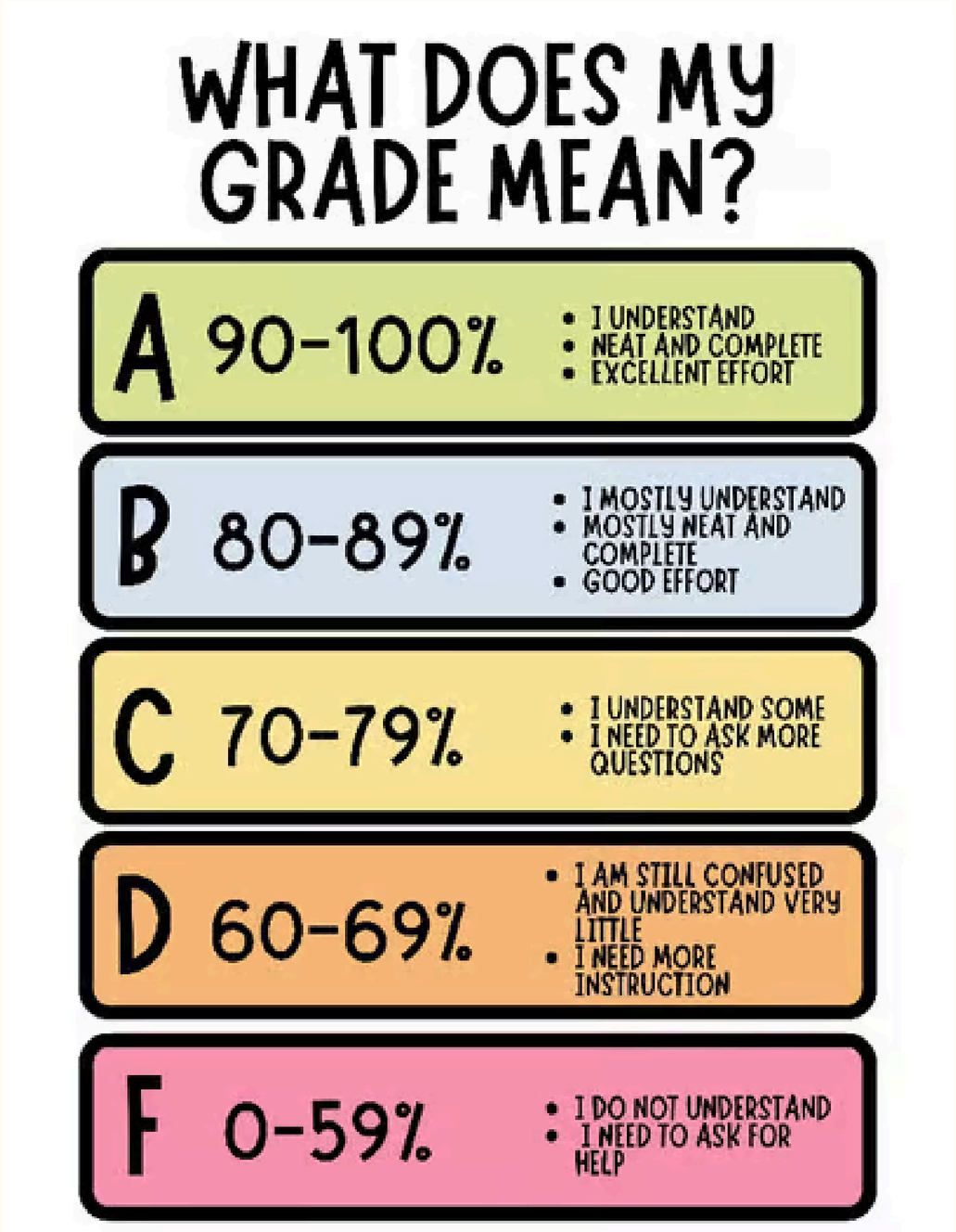
Innovamat (math): "Stretch" test

Math facts: low pressure timed tests

Writing: Free writes and use of graphic organizers



GRADES



THIS IS A BIG YEAR:

building proactivity, perseverance

AND

INDEPENDENCE

MY HOMEWORK PHILOSOPHY

1 page of math + 20 minutes of reading

- rare - unfinished work from class











Never get to this level

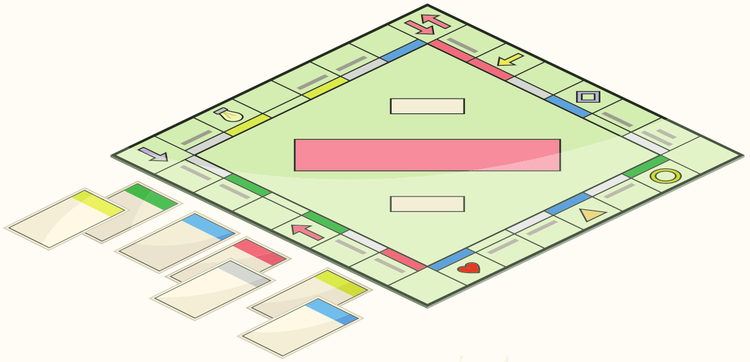
WHAT CAN WE DO AT HOME?



- Read! Read! Read! Read to your child or let them read to you out loud daily to build their confidence, comprehension and fluency.



- Play board and card games with your child to build vocabulary and fluency in both reading and math.



- Work with your child to practicing their math facts and problem solving.
  (+ - x /).



First Chapter
Friday

30 BOOK CHALLENGE

The goal for our class is to have each student read at least 30 books by the end of the year. To stay on track that will equate to 10 books a trimester.

Inorder for a book to count for the challenge it must:

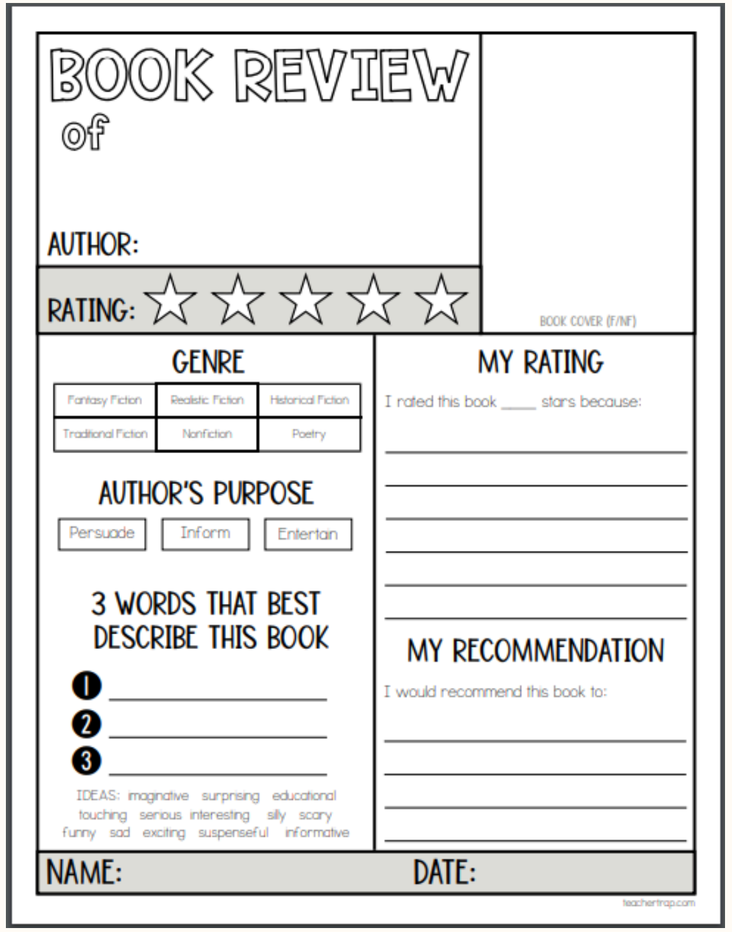
Be in their Lexile reading level

Complete a Book Review sheet

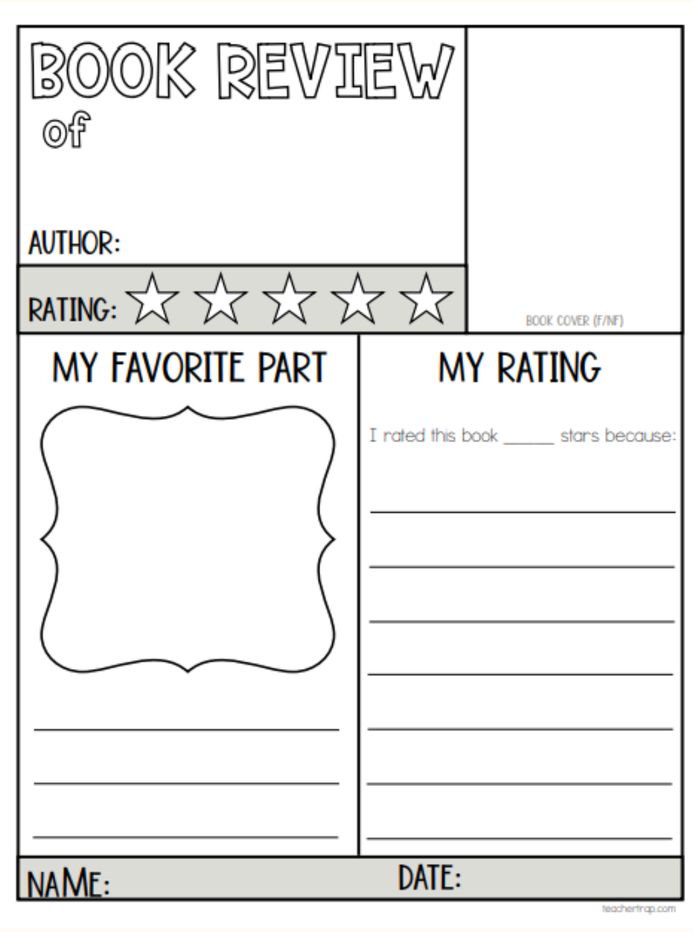
Students will have the opportunity to read different reading genres at their reading level and will be responsible to meet their 30 book goal, with teacher check-ins throughout the year.

30 BOOK CHALLENGE

Student Sheet



OR



30 BOOK CHALLENGE

Parent Sheet

30 Book Challenge:

A Parent Guide



Goal: To read 30 books at level before the end of the year.

Pacing: Read 10 books a trimester within Lexile range.

What makes a book qualify for the challenge?

1. It must be in their Lexile Range
2. Must be a "Chapter book" (has chapters)
3. Must complete an comprehension page
4. Recorded on their 30 Book Challenge Sheet

Common Questions:

What is my child's Lexile range?

It is located on their 30 book challenge sheet in the top right corner. It is also located on their bookmark in their library book (after our first library).

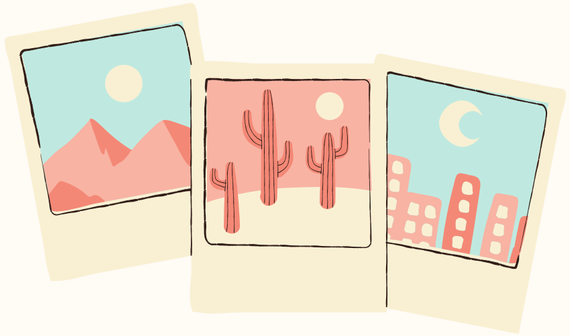
Will my child be assessed throughout the year?

At the beginning of trimester 2 and 3 students will take another Star Lexile assessment to see where their current reading level is for the new trimester.

How does my student know if a book is in their Lexile range?

All books in the school library (*our library time is Monday*) are Lexile leveled. Students may check out 2 books a week from the library. Students will check out one book in their Lexile Range. If they pick a book somewhere other than the library, you can find the Lexile level at https://hub.lexile.com/find-a-book/search

Field Trips





Broadstone
Kemp Park



POSSIBILE FIELD TRIPS:

Sacramento Railroad Museum
Sacramento Planetarium
Sacramento Capital
Roller King
Day Program - Sly Park

PARENT & TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Communication is KEY to the success of your children, and we love to keep you in the loop. We are both on your child's team! Plan on the following for communication:

- **EMAIL:** Great way to contact me.
- **Parent Square APP:** Please download the ParentSquare App. Updates and photos will be shared weekly.
- **WEDNESDAY FOLDERS:** All school news and paperwork will come home on Wednesdays. Please read through all the papers and have your child return any forms as needed.
- Gold Ridge PTO is on Facebook and Instagram. We recommend liking their page for reminders and information.

CHECK WEDNESDAY FOLDERS WEEKLY FOR MORE INFORMATION....

- Photo Permission Slip (class communication/Google drive)
- Movie Permission Slip
- Picture Day
- Reading/Writing/Math Fact info. sheets



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ROOM PARENT (1)

GARDEN PROGRAM (2)

EAGLE ART (2-3)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Treats will be given out at the end of the day, and must be individually given (no cakes).

Summer birthday?
We celebrate ½ birthdays.

Fifth Grade Supply & WISH List

Each day students need to bring the following:

*** Please note, all items listed below are class donations**

- ☐ 1.5 inch binder
  (No zippers, please.)
- ☐ Zipper pencil case
  (to be stored in binder)
- ☐ large eraser
- ☐ Pencil sharpener with lid
- ☐ 1-2 thin black felt tip pens
  (Flaire by Paper Mate)
- ☐ Twistables colored pencils
- ☐ 2 yellow highlighters
- ☐ 2 red pens for correcting
- ☐ Silent reading book
- ☐ Wired headphones



Donations for the whole class:

- ☐ 1 pack of expo markers
  (black, fine)
- ☐ Eraser caps
- ☐ 1 wide rule pack of binder paper
- ☐ 1 pack of Ticonderoga #2

QUESTIONS?

