

Welcome to 4th Grade Back to School Night!

As you are waiting for the presentation to begin, feel free to write your child a note on the school bus at your desk. You can leave it on their desk at the end of the night for them to find tomorrow morning!

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5 Fun Facts About Mrs. Mihaly

- + I went to the University of Arizona and have spent the past 7 years living among the cacti & scorpions.
- + This is my 4th year of teaching. I spent the past 3 years teaching 6th grade in a middle school setting.
- + I love to travel, read, sail, and spend time with my family.
- + I just recently got married this past July.
- + I have an English Bulldog.



Communication

- + Email is best!
- + Phone Office if Urgent
- + Weekly Newsletter (sent via email)
- + Communication Folders
- + Check Schoology for assignments.

Mrs. Ford's Classroom News

April 16, 2014

What's Happening in Mrs. Ford's Class?

Math: Double-Digit multiplication: partial products, area model, and traditional method

Language Arts: Island of the Blue Dolphins

Writing: Brochure/Informational Research on Elephant Seals

Social Studies: Getting up to start Westward movement: optional Wagon Train Leader application due Friday, April 18th

Science: Brochure/Informational Research on Elephant Seals

Ice Cream Social Art

Our fabulous art docent was able to get a stand up paddleboard donated to our class for the Class Creations part of the Ice Cream Social! The students will be using some beautiful art techniques to paint part of the board. They will be using a set of paint pens, which are \$40, plus we will need a specific spray to protect the art once it is done. We are asking for donations to cover the cost of the paint pens and spray so that this project can be a great addition to the Ice Cream Social art auction! Thank you for your help!!

Ice Cream Social Tickets Coming Home Thursday!

Ice Cream Social Raffle Tickets will be coming home with students Thursday. Be looking for these in your child's backpack tomorrow!

Book Report

Reminder: Final book report due May 1st! See Schoology → Social Studies → Book Report for more details!

Don't Forget!

04/16	Cardiff SEA Meeting: Cardiff @ 6:15
04/25	Cardiff Way Assembly 8:30am
04/25	Spirit Day- Character Day
04/25	Student Council Meeting 12:00pm
05/01	Final Draft Book Report Due!
05/03	Ice Cream Social!

Schoology: A Virtual Classroom

Recent Activity

Mastery

Calendar

Messages

People

Subscriptions 147

App Center

◀ ▶ Today **August 2015 · 2 of 14 Calendars** ▾ **Month** Week Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Back to School Night 6:00 pm

Study for Vocabulary Test 12:00 am

Wordly Wise Test

Curriculum Overview

- + We do many activities that incorporate many subjects of our curriculum.
- + **Writing**– Opinion, Informational, Narrative, Writing for pleasure
- + **Reading**– Fictional Literature Novel Studies, Nonfiction including articles, text books, and short story picture books
 - + Just Think Literacy (JTL): District wide program that focuses on learning as a process.
 - + Storybooks are used to teach analytical thinking
- + **Social Studies** – California History (Native Americans, Missions, Gold Rush, etc.)
- + **Science** – Rocks and Minerals, Ecosystems, Earth, Magnetism & Electricity
- + **Math** – Big ideas = Number sense is foundational skill of higher level mathematics. (Base-ten, multiplication and division of larger numbers, fractions)
Parent information night: Sept. 24th from 6:00–7:30p.m.
- + 8 mathematical practices (refer to brochure)

Math

- + Number sense is a foundational skill of all higher level mathematics
- + The best way to encourage number sense is to have number talks – mental math, efficiency, flexibility, decomposition promotes conceptual understanding
 - + Please extend this in your home and make it connected to real life.
 - + Ex: ask your child to estimate the total from your grocery receipt
- + Mike Fitchett Parent Information Night – September 24th from 6–7:30p.m.

Schedules

Daily Schedule:

- + Line up bell - 8:07
- + School begins - 8:10
- + Language Arts Block
- + Recess - 10:30 - 10:45 (Please be sure to send your student with a snack!)
- + Math Block
- + Lunch - 12:15-12:55
- + Science/Social Studies/Art/Reading Lab
- + Dismissal - 2:45 (12:30 on Wednesdays)

**All pullouts will be on Thursdays this year, and include Science Lab, PE, Music, and Library. We also have Technology with Mrs. Heyer as an enrichment to our curriculum. **

Learning Environment Expectations

- ✓ Lifelong Learners | Contributing Citizens | Educational Excellence
- ✓ Bucket Filler Compliments
- ✓ Positive Environment of Encouragement
- ✓ Collaboration and Community of Learners
- ✓ Growth Mindset – more focused on learning process!
- ✓ Discipline System – Cardiff Way – Consequences

Growth Mindset: Carol Dweck's Study on Praise and Mindsets

+ Growth Mindset

Praise & Feedback

Examples of Fixed Mindset Praise/ Statements– Focused on intelligence or natural ability:

- You're so smart!
- You're a genius!
- You're just a natural writer/artist... etc.
- You just don't understand the rules of dialogue in your writing.
- What grade did you get on your test?

Examples of Growth Mindset Praise/ Statements– Focused on Effort:

- You obviously put a lot of effort into that.
- I can tell that you worked hard.
- Wow! That perseverance paid off. You found a solution.
- Those rough drafts paid off in creating sentence variety and imagery in your final draft.
- You haven't mastered the rules for dialogue, yet.
- Tell me what you learned

“A “growth mindset” thrives on challenge and sees failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a heartening springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities.” – Maria Popova; Brain Pickings

iPads

- + Non-negotiable list is for school and home
- + Charged up and ready to go each day!
- + Educational Purposes– used to support and showcase student learning
- + Insurance forms – new policy. Please see handout.

Homework and Schoology

- + “Homework should be assigned not simply as a matter or routine, but when there is clear purpose in regard to student learning.”
- + Homework is an extension as to what we are learning, and exploring in class.
- + Good Question to Ask: “Study” vs. “Homework”
- + Practice math facts and read whenever possible!

Birthdays and Classroom Wish List Items



Due to nut allergies in the classroom, please do not send in food for birthdays. Check out the list of Healthy options



Fieldtrips



Classroom Volunteers

- + **Classroom Volunteers– Weekly Reading Group and Math Group**
- + **Art Program Leader/Assistants**
- + **Clerical**
- + **Field Trips**
- + **SEA/Room Reps** – If you are interested in helping as a SEA/Room Rep, please see separate flyer.

thank
you!

General Questions

