

# MERRYHILL SCHOOL SUMMERLIN FIFTH GRADE

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# TODAY'S AGENDA

- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Class Procedures
  - ▶ Grading
- ▶ Overview of the Course
- ▶ Remote Guest Speakers & Remote Field Trips
  - ▶ Your Support
  - ▶ Questions

# INTRODUCTIONS: MRS. ANDERSON AND FAMILIES

**Educator over 30 years**

**Education:**

- ▶ **Dalian Foreign Language Institute**
- ▶ **SUNY Fredonia**
- ▶ **Canisius College**
- ▶ **Nevada State College**

**States experienced teaching and administration:  
New York State and Nevada**

**Subjects and Levels Taught:**

- ▶ **Elementary School and College -ESL Math,  
Science, Social Studies: Grades 5 – 9**

**School Administrator**

- ▶ **PreK – Grade 8**

**Coaching**

- ▶ **Tennis: High School**
- ▶ **Golf: Grades 5 - 8**
- ▶ **Cross Country: Elementary –  
Middle School**

# CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

- ▶ **Class Schedule**

- ▶ **The Schedule**

- ▶ **Arrival times: a survey was sent asking preferred arrival times.**
    - ▶ **School starts at 8:05 AM**
    - ▶ **Student is tardy if arrives after 8:15 AM**
    - ▶ **Pick-up time for 5<sup>th</sup> grade is 3:00 – 3:15 PM.**

- ▶ **Supplies Needed**

- ▶ **School and Home**

- ▶ **Taking Notes During Class**

- ▶ **Use notebooks: color coded; and some interactive notebooks**

# PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

- ▶ FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING.
- ▶ DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING.
- ▶ MAKE CONNECTIONS ACROSS SUBJECT AREAS.
- ▶ AUTHENTIC.
- ▶ HELP FOSTER IN STUDENTS A LOVE OF LIFE-LONG LEARNING.
- ▶ STUDENTS GAIN THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND A \*GROWTH MINDSET TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL AND LIFE.

*“In \*growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work — brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment.” Carol Dweck, Professor Psychology at Stanford University*

# CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

## ▶ Homework Schedule

- ▶ 45 minutes – 60 minutes
  - ▶ 20 minutes of reading
- ▶ Student Planner
- ▶ iPad
- ▶ 1 day late = 10% Off
- ▶ 2 days late = 30% Off
- ▶ 3 days late = 0%
- ▶ Absences: Students have as many days as they were absent to make up any and all missing work. For example, if the student misses Monday and Tuesday, they will have two days, or until Friday morning to make up any missed assignments.

# CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

- ▶ **Extended Vacations**
  - ▶ Inform teachers a month in advance
  - ▶ Schoolwork due day student returns to school
- ▶ **Absences**
  - ▶ Email or check **ALMA** for missed assignments, tests, and homework
- ▶ **Conferences (Mandatory)**
  - ▶ **November and April**
- ▶ **Communications:**
  - ▶ **Weekly Email**
    - ▶ Sent every Friday
    - ▶ Update of current week
    - ▶ Information for future weeks



# CLASSROOM PROCEDURES BEHAVIOR

- ▶ **Class Expectations Discussed and Shared with all Students and Parents**
- ▶ **Role-models for the younger students**
- ▶ **Engaged Student, Interesting Lessons**
- ▶ **Growth Mindset**
- ▶ **Positive Reinforcements as a class and individually**
- ▶ **Classroom/Student Incentives**
  - ▶ **Mystery Board**
  - ▶ **Book Bingo**
- ▶ **Character Counts**
  - ▶ **Monthly awards on character traits**



# GRADING

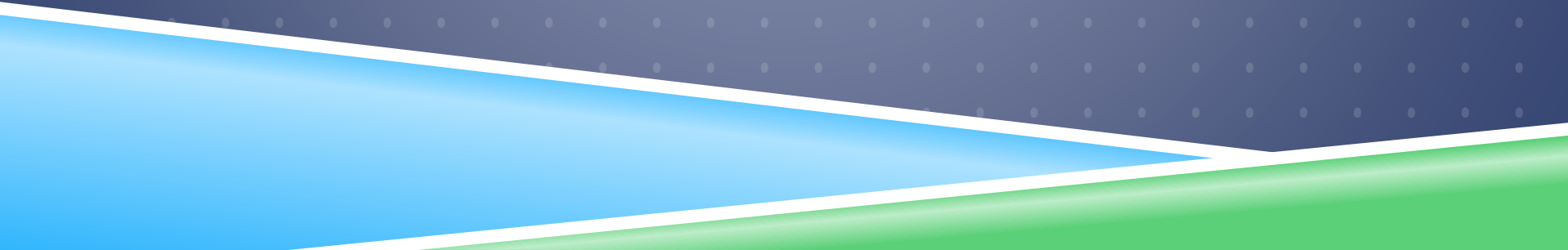
- ▶ **Quarter System**
  - ▶ Progress reports every 6 weeks
  - ▶ Report Cards
- ▶ **Grading**
  - ▶ Tests, Large Projects
  - ▶ Quizzes, Small Projects
  - ▶ Homework
  - ▶ Interactive Notebooks
- ▶ **ALMA – Let's Talk ALMA**
  - ▶ Your online account
  - ▶ Grades

# GRADING

## ▶ Tests

- ▶ If absent on day of test, student must take test on the day student returns to school during lunch recess.
- ▶ Parent will be contacted if grade is 69% and below.
- ▶ If test is 69% or below, student can retest.
  - ▶ Student must ask to retest.
  - ▶ One retest per subject per quarter
  - ▶ Student must retest within one week
  - ▶ Retesting is during lunch recess
  - ▶ No show = Cannot reschedule to retest

# OVERVIEW OF SUBJECTS



# LANGUAGE ARTS

- ▶ Literature
  - ▶ Readings from Textbook
  - ▶ Reading from Novels
    - ▶ Class (4 – 5 Novels)
      - ▶ Wonder
    - ▶ Independent
    - ▶ Book Clubs
- ▶ Writing
  - ▶ Argument/Opinion Writing
  - ▶ Informative/Explanatory Writing
- ▶ Narrative Writing
- ▶ Grammar
- ▶ Vocabulary
- ▶ Spelling
- ▶ Penmanship

**Books: Reading Street (vol I & 2); Readers & Writer's Notebook;  
Wordly Wise 3000; novels**

# MATH

- ▶ **Place Value**
- ▶ **Multiplication/Division of Whole Numbers**
- ▶ **Decimals: all operations**
- ▶ **Fractions: all operations**
- ▶ **Represent and Interpret Data**
- ▶ **Volume**
- ▶ **Convert Measurements**
- ▶ **Algebra**
- ▶ **Geometry**
- ▶ **Coordinate Plane**

**Books: envision Mathematics (vol 1 & 2). Manipulatives and Interactive Notebook.**

# SCIENCE

## ▶ Life Science

- ▶ Classifying Organisms
- ▶ Cells to Systems
- ▶ Human Body Systems
- ▶ Plants
- ▶ Ecosystems

## ▶ Earth Science

- ▶ Water
- ▶ Weather
- ▶ Earth: Changes and Protecting Resources

## ▶ Physical Science

- ▶ Matter and Its Properties
- ▶ Changes in Matter
- ▶ Forces in Motions
- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Electricity

## ▶ Space and Technology

- ▶ Stars and Galaxies
- ▶ Earth in Space
- ▶ Technology in our Lives

**Book: Science: see learning in a whole new light.  
STEMscope kits. Interactive notebook.**



# SOCIAL STUDIES

- ▶ **Early Life, East and West**
  - ▶ **Connections Across Continents**
  - ▶ **Colonial Life in North America**
- ▶ **The American Revolution**
- ▶ **A Growing Nation**
  - ▶ **Life in a New Nation**
  - ▶ **War Divides a Nation**
  - ▶ **Expansion and Change**
- ▶ **The United States and the World**

**Book: Social Studies: The United States. Studies Weekly newspaper. Interactive Notebook.**

# REMOTE GUEST SPEAKERS & REMOTE FIELD TRIPS

- ▶ **Guest Speakers: Remote via Zoom**
- ▶ **Experts in the field**
- ▶ **Science, Business, and Industry**
- ▶ **Remote Field Trips related to learning**

# OTHER STUDIES

- ▶ **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom**

- ▶ **Growth Mindset**

- ▶ **Interactive Notebook and Posters**

- ▶ **Study Skills**

- ▶ **Integrate in subjects**

- ▶ **Specials**

- ▶ **ART**
  - ▶ **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
  - ▶ **SPANISH**
  - ▶ **TECHNOLOGY**
  - ▶ **DIGITAL MEDIA**
  - ▶ **MUSIC**
  - ▶ **GENIUS HOUR**

**\*Students will not have specials the first week of school.**

# YOUR SUPPORT

- ▶ **Open Communication**
  - ▶ **ALMA**
  - ▶ **Reading**
  - ▶ **Homework**
- ▶ **Classroom Projects**
- ▶ **Remote Guest Speaker**

# Questions and Answers

THANK YOU!