

What to KNOW

SCHOOL DAY The school day begins at 8:50am and is dismissed at 3:30pm. Your child is expected to be in their seat, ready to learn no later than 8:50am, or they will be considered tardy (aside from buses arriving late or inclement weather). I will open the classroom door at 8:30 for students who would like to eat breakfast. Students who eat breakfast in the mornings are still expected to be finished eating and in the classroom, ready to learn, by 8:50am.

COMMUNICATION Our class will use the website/app Remind to stay connected. This is the communication platform that our district uses, so please sign up quickly. If you don't have notifications enabled on the App, please check the app regularly for important information. Please follow the instructions to sign up for Remind on the following pages.

I can also be reached by email at jaime.anderson@ironmail.org. If you contact me by email, please be aware that you might not get a response right away. During the school day, I only check my email during lunch and after school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

GRADING Our school district uses Mastery Connect for grading. You have access to all grades and assessments throughout the year. One great thing about Mastery Connect is that it provides students multiple opportunities to master each standard. It also gives parents the ability to see your student's progress any time you want. By checking your child's grades throughout the year, you can see if your student is struggling. If they are having trouble mastering a standard, parents and teachers can work together to help the student. I want to clarify what this grading system looks like:

Mastery (Blue) = I can do this standard ALL of the time without help.

Proficient (Green) = I can do this standard almost all of the time without help.

Approaching (Yellow) = I can do this standard occasionally without help.

Developing (Red) = I can't do this standard without help.

If you are familiar with Mastery Connect and have used it before, you will continue to use the same log in information. If you have never logged in before, I will send you a parent activation email. You will use this email to set a password. Once you have the password, you can log in at anytime to see your child's grades.

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HOMEWORK

To promote improved reading skills, I am requiring that each student in my class **read a minimum of 25 minutes every night**; five nights a week (or 125 minutes per week; 500 minutes per month). At the beginning of each week, your student will bring home a reading log. After your child reads for 25 minutes, have them write a short summary of what they have read. (3 to 5 sentences) You have one week to complete the reading log. You will get the paper on Monday, and you will return it the following Monday. If you forget, please bring it the next day. This reading log will count toward your student's monthly reading rewards and their responsibility grade. If your child hands in their completed homework every week they will be rewarded monthly with prizes and activities. If they have handed in all their reading logs during the year, they will be rewarded by a fun activity at the end of the year.

I understand and realize that you and your student's lives are busy. For this reason, please feel free to do the homework at your convenience. For example, if your child decides to read 50 minutes on one day, instead of 25 minutes two different days, have them fill out two different summaries that day. (I hope that makes sense!) If you have any questions about homework, please feel free to contact me.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS We love

celebrating our classmates birthdays! Students are more than welcome to bring a treat on their birthday to share with the class, or on their half birthday if they have a summer birthday. At this time, we have **24** students in our classroom. Please email or text me a day prior to bringing the treats in to ensure this number is still accurate.

SNACKS

4th graders will be having lunch at 11:15am this year. This means that our afternoons are extra long! You are welcome to send a healthy snack with your child to eat at afternoon recess while we adjust to this schedule.

PE & LIBRARY

PE is scheduled for Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child wears the appropriate shoes on this day. No flip-flops or shoes with heels. Library is scheduled on Tuesdays. Please make sure your child brings their library book from home on this day.

What to **KNOW**

SUPPLY LIST

- 1 composition notebook - Please buy the black and white speckled composition notebook.
- 1 folder with pockets to keep unfinished work in desk.
- Pencils - Ticonderoga brand, sharpened
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Crayons/Colored Pencils – Whichever you prefer
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Pencil Box/Pouch-Whichever you prefer, please do **NOT** buy a locking pencil box. They cause all sorts of problems when students lose the keys. 😊

WISH LIST

In the past, I have had parents offer to donate supplies to our classroom. I have made an Amazon wish list that includes all sorts of things that we can use in our class. Feel free to browse our list and if you are inclined , you can purchase something for our class. This is optional and please don't feel like you have to donate. Thanks so much!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3J236ZGJCJ2R?ref =wl_share