



WELCOME

to

BACK TO SCHOOL

night!



COMMUNICATION

Email (mlowry@jacksonsd.org) : Please be sure to email me from the email address in which to reply. This is the best way to communicate.

Remind: I will use Remind for quick updates
- Pushing out messages only. Please be sure to join ASAP if you haven't yet.



COMMUNICATION

Notes: Any changes in dismissal must be sent in with the **date, your child's full name, and teacher's name.** These notes are sent to the office, so please keep it separate from any correspondence intended for the classroom teacher.

If there are any **dismissal changes that need to be made after your child has already arrived at school please be sure to contact the main office** as I may not see until it is too late.



HOMEWORK

- Weekly reading logs - students should be reading for 20-30 minutes each night
 - Skill practice and review
 - Any unfinished classwork



HOMEWORK

- Make sure your child has a quiet location to work in with a flat surface to write on.
- Set aside an area to charge their Chromebook daily.
- Have pencils, dry erase markers, or other materials easily accessible.



School Materials

These items need to travel to and from school with your child for every in-person learning day:

- Planner
- Charged Chromebook
- Homework folder

It is suggested that your child

- Bring a bagged lunch (although lunch can be ordered daily)
- Have a sweatshirt in their backpack
- **Bring a labeled water bottle**

Use of Chromebooks

These are some reminders that could be discussed with your child at home to help them realize we are on the same page:

- Charged Chromebook
- Proper use of tabs/activities of enjoyment when appropriate
 - History is timestamped
 - IXL and IXL Live

It is suggested that your child:

- Use a case to protect the device
- Not eat or drink while using the device
- Keep all passwords written down and in a safe place (do not share with friends)



Rewards and Recognition

Stash

House Cup

Gumball Jar

Language arts

Readers Workshop:

- 15 to 30 minutes of reading in school (bring a book every day)
- 15-30 minutes of reading at home (same book as in school)
- Students choose a book on their level related to the current reading unit (ex. fiction, nonfiction, fantasy, etc.). All students should be reading fictional novels right now. (This means there should be characters, setting, problem, etc.)
- Utilize sticky notes to stop and jot because good readers and writers are always thinking! These stop and jots will eventually be used in their reader's response notebooks to elaborate in journal entries.

writing

Writer's Workshop:

- Students will write within a genre or topic of interest
- They will learn to revise and edit their stories
- This year we will focus on Narrative, Persuasive, Informational, and Literary Essays (responding to text and using textual evidence), and Research.

writing

Patterns of Power:

- Students need more direct focus and instruction on grammar
- This curriculum will help students improve their writing, speaking, and have them better prepared for the expectations of middle school.
- We are not working harder, but we want to sound smarter! This means focusing on proper punctuation, capitalization, and parts of speech.



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30 minutes daily for students to refresh, revisit, and review areas in which they require additional instruction (small group), practice, or mastery of taught skills in the core subjects.



Social-Emotional Learning

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.



SPECIALS *schedule*

Monday: Computers

Tuesday: Gym

Wednesday: Media

Thursday: Music

Friday: Art



District Information

The next few slides contain some information from the District regarding the expectations of our school year. Please be sure to take the time to review them.



Student Expectations

- Come to school with a charged Chromebook issued by the district.
- Students will be expected to complete work and maintain a level of engagement and participation in all classes.
- Students are expected to communicate with their teachers if they are struggling with any materials or expectations of the class.
- Students will practice digital citizenship skills when interacting online.



Parent/Guardian Expectations

- Correspond with teachers via email/phone during teacher's posted designated times.
- Consider listening to your child read aloud or reading aloud with them. Believe it or not, fifth graders still enjoy being read to.
- Even if they are struggling, be sure to let them know "I love listening to you read," or "I love reading with you."



Who to Contact?

- Who do contact if we are sick? **Nurse and Teacher**
- Who do I contact if my child needs emotional support? **Teacher and Guidance Counselor**
- Who do I contact if I have concerns for my child that is classified as special education?
Teacher/Child Study Team
- Who do I contact with any bus or cafeteria questions/concerns? **Principal, Food Service, and Transportation**



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held in November. Most of you will meet with all of your child's teachers at the same time. However, other programs may schedule a different time/date with you.



PTN

Please be sure to join our PTN! Your support is so important to help them provide resources for our students field trips, assemblies, and so many other important events!

[Click here to support our PTN by becoming a member.](#)

[Click here to see PTN events and their homepage](#)



Guess who was here!

Leave a note for your student to read tomorrow morning! Pens are available at the front of the room.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to attend back to school night!

Our partnership is so important in your child's learning, now more than ever.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I'm looking forward to a great year!



THANK YOU
for coming!