



Room 2 News



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Important Reminders

- NO SCHOOL - Monday, September 4
- Curriculum Night - Thursday, September 7 @ 6:30pm
- \$10 Due for Scholastic News, Traveling Folder, & Friday Folder by Friday, September 8 - Thank you so much!
- Picture Day - Thursday, September 14
- \$9 Due for Class T-Shirt - Friday, September 15
- School times 9:04-4:04 (first bell rings at 8:57)
- Be sure to check out www.missrosenthal.com for class updates
- Please email or call if you have any questions and/or concerns.



Welcome back to school! We had a fantastic first week in room 2! We started off the year by beginning our first Unit of Inquiry, which is titled Who Am I? The unit focuses on our central idea: The choices we make affect us as learners. Students will learn about their roles and responsibilities within different environments. In order to learn about their 4th grade roles and responsibilities, we created our classroom rules (Essential Agreements) and learned about procedures, including our Classroom Economy. I know the students are so excited to start earning classroom economy money next week. The students are becoming more responsible for their behavior and classroom work. We discussed an ongoing activity called, "The Kindness Challenge." They learned about 3 things that really "bug" me, which include rudeness, poor work habits, and negative attitudes. I explained to the students that being kind, having good work habits, and having a positive attitude will lead to success. Then they created their own bugs. Ask your child about this activity!

The students completed a time capsule containing addition, subtraction, and multiplication timed quizzes. Also included in the time capsule is a first day letter, favorites sheet, class impressions, what I know about IB, and a photograph. It will be fantastic to open their time capsules the last week of 4th grade and see how much they have grown. Students participated in a scavenger hunt around the room so that they know where everything is located. It was a lot of fun! We completed a fun project called Guess Who? Be sure to check them out in the hallway! I introduced journal writing to the class, an activity that will occur daily. We also brainstormed the best things about our classroom and each student made his/her own top 10 list of things in our room. In math we started unit 1, which is about place value and multi-digit addition and subtraction. Students learned about place value to the thousands and place value patterns. They also took a spelling inventory so we can start word work within the next few weeks.

Please remember to help your child become a responsible 4th grader by having him/her bring the Traveling Folder to and from school each day and complete all homework. The remembering side of the math will always be done in school. The homework side will be homework. Please do not go ahead with the homework, as it is a reinforcement of what I taught that day. Remember that all papers in the Traveling Folder must stay in the folder because we use them on a daily basis. I always tell the students to tell their parents, "They can look and touch, but don't take." :) The Friday Folders will go home on Fridays (or the last day of that school week) and come back on Mondays (or the first day of that week).

I have already learned so much about each child and I know we will have a wonderful school year! I am looking forward to meeting you at Curriculum Night on Thursday. Thanks so much for completing the parent homework! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to meet your child outside if you are picking him/her up after school. Have a great weekend!



WELCOME!



August 31, 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our fourth grade classroom. We are off to a great start for a fantastic year. I have enjoyed meeting your child and look forward to getting to know him/her much better. I am sure you will be hearing about our classroom and the procedures we will be following. My goal is to provide a rich and rewarding classroom community and learning environment. Attached is the room news for this week. This will be sent home each Friday in the Friday folder. In a few weeks, the room news will also be sent via email.

In order to establish a partnership, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I have always wanted to become a teacher ever since I can remember. I graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Elementary Education in 2005 and graduated from Marygrove College with a Master's Degree in Education in 2009. This will be my twelfth year teaching. I joined Oxford Community Schools in 2009, and I am so glad to be in this wonderful district! When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, playing with my two dogs, traveling, scrapbooking, taking photographs, and watching Spartan football.

It is my intent to make this a pleasant and fruitful year, filled with new ideas, activities, friendship, and fun. I look forward to meeting you at Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 PM. I know this year will be a great one!

Sincerely,
Miss Sara Rosenthal

Please return \$10 by Friday, September 8
for the traveling folder, Friday folder, and Scholastic News.
Cash or checks (made to Clear Lake Elementary or cash).
Thank you so much for those who already gave money!