

## Homework

One of the things that catches parents by surprise is that there is not a large amount of homework. The purpose of homework is to allow for students to practice the skills that are being taught in class. In the past I have had a 20 minute reading a night policy. However, I have switched to a different method. I know there are certain nights of the week that are busier for your family than other nights. Your student is required to read at least 120 minutes a week. It will be up to your student to manage his/her time during the week. Reading logs will go home every Friday. Completed logs are due the following Friday. I will let you know when we will begin the reading logs. In addition to the reading, your student will have an individualized math study plan that will need to be reviewed three-five times a day.

## Rules

In my classroom, I do not have a list of rules. It is my belief that rules set the expectation that negative behavior is going to be an issue. Instead, we discuss what we need to do in this class to ensure that everyone is successful. Together we create a classroom charter. We identify 4-5 ways we want to feel in our classroom. Then we determine how that will be accomplished by creating we will statements. Once this is agreed upon a copy of our charter will be sent home.



## Discipline

If an infraction of the class charter occurs I deal with it immediately. However, I do my best to not correct publicly. Discipline/correcting is not done to embarrass the student, but to correct a negative behavior and to show that actions have consequences. If the behavior continues there will be a loss of privileges, such as part of a recess. I will contact you by letter, e-mail, or a phone call if necessary. For only the serious problems will Mrs. Stefanich become involved. It is my goal that behavior never rises to that level.

## Communication

I believe that the student's care taker is an essential role in the success of the child. Because of this, it is vital that an open line of communication be established. By the end of each weekend our classroom blog will be updated with information specific to our classroom. Our website can be found at [mrshendree.weebly.com](http://mrshendree.weebly.com).

If you need to relay a message to your child during the day about changes in end of the day arrangements, please call Deb in the office rather than e-mail me. By calling Deb, your child will get the message. I cannot guarantee the message will be received if you e-mail me because there are times when I am absent from school due to a conference or illness and there are times when our e-mail is not working.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. You can contact me by phone at 669-1970 or by email at [mhendre@hpseagles.net](mailto:mhendre@hpseagles.net). It is very important for us to communicate frequently with each other. However, if you e-mail me in the evening please know you may not get a response until morning.

# TRAVELING THROUGH 4TH GRADE



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Mrs. Hendree's Class

2023-24

## Parent Volunteers

Because I don't utilize parent volunteers on a regular basis, I highly recommend getting involved with our parent club. Parents' Club is a wonderful organization to become part of to learn about school wide events happening and to determine volunteer opportunities. There are parent club meetings once a month.

## Special Classes

We will have some of our special classes at the same time each day. They will be on a four day rotation.

Because of the rotation, you will not be able to plan on a specific day each week; so I will include a weekly schedule in each week's newsletter and also post it on our website. Please be sure your student has tennis shoes for his/her physical education class.

## Student Birthdays

There is nothing better than celebrating your birthday with your classmates. We try to make the day a little more special. Your child is certainly welcome to bring in a birthday treat if he/she desires. Summer birthdays can be celebrated the last week of school or on the half birthday. Please make sure your child's treat doesn't need to be kept cool or need to be heated. I also ask that if your child is having a party please send invitations to it through the mail. This alleviates hurting the feelings of those who are not invited.

## Attendance



Attendance is vital to the success of your fourth grader. However, we understand this year there may be greater absences. Please make sure your child remains at home if he/she has a fever or is not feeling well. We are going to work extremely hard to contain as many germs as we can.

If your child is absent please contact Mrs. Lidgard in the office at 616-669-1970. We will utilize google classroom if your child is to be absent for an extended period of time.

We will do our best to help students get caught up when he or she returns to school.

## Gum Policy

Students may chew gum in our class. For many students chewing gum is relaxing. As long as I don't see it or see the wrappers, gum may be in our classroom.

## Show and Tell

There is not a designated show and tell time. However, your student will be the co-pilot (student of the week) this year. When your child is the co-pilot he/she may bring in a few items to share.

## Classroom Mission Statement



Creating a safe, positive environment where academic and social risks are taken by each individual learner.

## My Educational Beliefs

**5 - I am a team player.** Your student will not be successful if we do not work together. Please, if you ever have questions or concerns come to me. I am approachable and willing to work with you.

**4 - I have high, but attainable expectations for each one of my students.** I do not expect perfection from my students, but I do expect a perfect effort. I will always expect them to do their personal best at whatever it is they are doing. I will also expect them to take risks with their learning. Your student will be pushed outside his/her comfort level, but I will always be there to support him/her.

**3 - I do not tolerate bullying!** Because I push students outside of their comfort zone it is of the utmost importance that my classroom be a safe place, both physically and emotionally. Because safety is necessary I hold a ZERO tolerance when it comes to bullying.

**2 - I will model for my students anything that is expected of them.** I FIRMLY believe that if I am asking my students' best, they should see my best first. I believe that I cannot ask anything of my students or hold them accountable for that which I am not willing to model in my own life first.

**1 - I have a passion to help students learn and achieve their personal best.** I count it an honor to be a teacher and do not take that responsibility for granted. I love to find ways that motivate and help each individual student learn!

