

September Newsletter 2023

WELCOME

Our class is fortunate to have two teachers, Mrs. Ernst and Mrs. Garber the Intervention Specialist. We also have Mr. Salisbury, an Intervention Specialist who will be popping in and out, and a Paraprofessional, Mrs. Shiverdecker. We are excited to begin this school year with you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns throughout the year.

COMMUNICATION

Good communication between parents and the school is essential to the academic success of your students; therefore, it is important that we are able to contact each other when needed. We will make every effort to be available to you to answer any questions you or your child may have. We prefer to take care of misunderstandings and problems in a timely manner so please feel free to call us during your student's specials, 2:15-2:55. If you prefer to email us, we will get back to you as soon as we can. If we can stay in close contact about your child, we know we will have a great year.

Each day your child will bring home their orange take home folder and agenda. These items will be the primary methods of communication between home and school. The agenda is filled out every day with your child's assignments and any specific notes that need conveyed to parents. Please check the folder and agenda each night for important information.

GRADES & PROGRESS BOOK

Your child will be receiving letter grades starting this year. We follow the traditional grading scale; 100%-90%-A, 89%-80%-B, 79%-70%-C, 69%-60%-D, 59% and below-F.

Since your child is receiving letter grades this year, we encourage parents/guardians to set up an account on Progress Book Parent Viewer and check students' grades regularly. Grades will be updated weekly. Information has been sent home in their orange folder on how to set up your account. If you are already on Parent Viewer, you should be able to add your child to your account.

BEHAVIOR/EXPECTATIONS

To encourage appropriate behavior, each month the students will be given a goal on the number of tickets that they can earn to participate in the monthly reward. This could be a movie, craft, extra recess, etc. Students are expected to follow all school rules outlined in the school discipline plan found in the student handbook. Behavior which is disruptive to the learning environment will result in immediate discussion and disciplinary action.

CANVAS

We will be utilizing the Canvas Learning System for much of our assignments. Your child will be learning how to access this system within the next few weeks.

ABSENT WORK

If your child is absent from school, many assignments may be provided to them through their online learning tool Canvas. If your child is feeling up to it, it would benefit them to check Canvas when they are absent to stay caught up on assignments. If their work is copied on paper, it will be in their cubby for them to complete and return for credit.

DISMISSAL

Fourth grade students are dismissed at 3:45 from door 21 on the Middle School side. **Please park your car in a parking spot and walk up to meet your child-do not park by the sidewalk.** We ask that you do not drive around the cones for the safety of the children. *Please share this information with anyone who may pick up your child.* If your child has a change in their dismissal procedure, please send in a note or call the office by NOON. If no note or phone call is received of the change, your child will go home their normal way.

IPAD INFORMATION

It is highly encouraged to purchase the optional insurance for your child's iPad. The cost is \$20 a year. You may fill out the form that was in your child's beginning of the year paperwork and return it with payment, or you may fill out the information that can be found on the district website.

If you decide to not purchase the insurance the repair costs are as follows:

- *replaced cases-\$40.00
- *cracked screens-\$129.00
- *chargers-\$19.00
- *charging cord-\$19.00

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Cost:

Breakfast-\$2.00 per day-served from 8:45-9:00

Lunch-\$2.90 per day

Milk-\$0.50

Your child may also pack their lunch. Please avoid packing your child soft drinks in their lunches. Thank you

If you wish for your child to be considered for free/reduced lunches or your child was on last year, please fill out the paperwork to receive this service as it needs to be completed yearly. It was sent home with the beginning of the year papers or you may complete it online through the school's website (greenville.k12.oh.us.)

READING LOGS

Starting by October, your child will be completing the Pizza Hut Book It reading log each month. They will have a specific number of minutes that they will be assigned to read each month. If they reach or go beyond that goal, they will receive a coupon for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. The child who reads the most minutes per month will receive an extra prize. At the end of the year, the child who has read the most minutes will receive a special prize. These reading logs are important to increase your child's stamina and reading skills. More information will be given when this assignment begins.



INFORMATION

For the first few weeks of school, we will be completing assessment on each child to see where their strengths lie. This will help us determine what each child needs to be successful in their learning.

We will also be practicing classroom procedures and rules so the school year goes smoothly.

We will use iPads daily in the classroom. If your child brings theirs home, it is their responsibility to make sure that it is fully charged and ready for the next day.



SPECIALS

Monday-Art

Tuesday-Music

Wednesday-Library/Lifewise

Thursday-Technology

Friday-Gym

Information will be sent home about Lifewise.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You may call the school (937-548-3185) and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You may also email us at:

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**For your
calendar**

**Sept. 4
No School**

**Sept. 7
MAP testing-LA**

**Sept. 12
Picture day**