MCj04281230000[1]Welcome!

I hope that this information will help you understand how we run our classroom and answer any questions that you may have.

**Schedule**

The school day begins at 7:45am and ends at 2:55pm. Our Specials Classes (Art, Music/Band, PE, and Library) are on an eight day rotation and are from 9:35-10:20.

**ISSB - In School Skill Building**

From 2:15-2:45pm, students are arranged in classes to focus on specific skills where they may be struggling within Math or another subject. This is a great time for your child to work and improve on skills they have not yet mastered. These groups will be changing throughout the year depending on each child’s individual needs.

**Wednesday Folders**

Every Wednesday your child will be bringing home his/her Wednesday Folder. PLEASE take time to go through the important papers placed in the folder.

**Nightly Reading**

We expect every child to read an average of 20 minutes each night. ***Reading is the single most important way you can help your child be successful at school.*** Please take time to share in this experience with your child: read to your kid, have him/her read to you, and partner read together. This is their homework!

**Harmony**

Harmony is the name of our computer grade book and students’ records. We record your child’s grades and print out progress reports and report cards. We record discipline referrals and keep attendance. You may access this from home. If you need a username and password for your child, please contact the office. They can help you. W**hen report cards are sent home, you are to keep the paper report card, sign the envelope, and return the empty envelope to school.**

**Discipline**

I believe all my students can behave appropriately in my classroom. My expectations are for each student to fully participate in class and to complete their work to the best of their ability.

My Class Rules:

1. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
2. Take responsibility for your own work.
3. Complete all assignments to the best of your ability.
4. Show respect for others, self, and property.
5. Display a positive attitude.
6. Be cooperative.
7. Be prepared and organized.

**Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in the fall and in the spring. In the fall, I will meet with all the students’ parents. In the spring, I will meet with only the students’ parents whom I am having concerns about or those who request to meet with me. PLEASE contact me any time if you have a concern or question about your child’s education. I am usually at school by 7:30 am and do not leave until 3:30 pm. The school number is 474-5167. My extension is 337. My email is [**turnpaugh@newton.k12.in.us**](mailto:turnpaugh@newton.k12.in.us)**.**

**Book Orders**

Occasionally, I will be sending home order forms for Scholastic Book Clubs. If you wish to order something for your child, the check must be made out to **Scholastic Book Clubs,** not to me or to the school. You may send cash in an envelope with your child’s name on it. Another option is to order online and pay by credit card. My classroom code is: DYCR4. The students will be told what date the orders are to be returned to me. The points I earn from Scholastic will be used to purchase books for our classroom.

**Field Trips**

Fifth grade goes on two field trips. Normally, we are not limited in our numbers for the Chicago field trip, so please join us, if you can. Information and permission forms will be sent home in Wednesday folders. I will also post permission slips on my website, www.mrstlanguagearts.weebly.com.