



Learning in a creative, joyful environment

KNIGHTS FERRY Third Grade

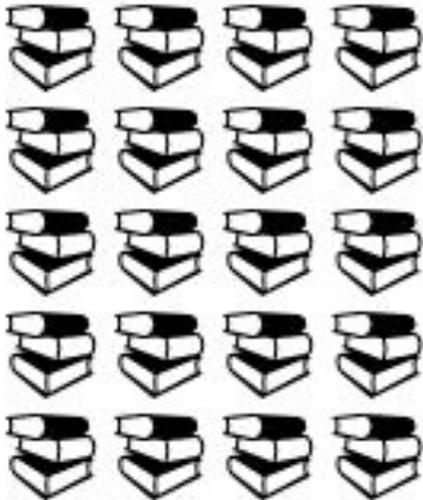


Homework

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- ◎ Your child will read for 20 minutes every night and keep a log of their reading
- ◎ Your child will practice spelling words with spelling packet nightly
- ◎ Starting in October your child will do nightly multiplication flash cards



WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Dugg and Eyrman, 1997.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Project Based Learning

- ◎ I will be sending home packets if the project requires parent participation
- ◎ Have you received the Immigration packet?
 - Projects help students to actually have hands on experiences with the material; this helps your child connect the lesson with an experience making it a more integrated learning experience



Modeling mistakes and determination

I am constantly showing mistakes and modeling how to fix them.



I also am constantly showing my students how determined I am to find the right answer and to get better!



Please do the same in your house. You're not bad at math; you are still working on learning that!



My reward System:

- ◉ When students complete their work to the best of their ability they are paid \$1 in classroom reward money. They can then take that money and purchase fun things in the classroom: a special cushion, VIP supplies, wearing a hat in class, and so on..
- ◉ Kindness coupons
- ◉ AR Goal necklaces



I need to meet with the teacher about my child!!

- ⦿ I am here for you and your child. I work late on Fridays and am always available to meet then. You can email me at: kmccarthy@kfsd.org or text me (209)840-4878. Please no calls after five or on the weekend.



Attendance and Being Tardy:



- ⦿ I am here at 8:00 a.m., every morning. Take advantage of this and get your children here early. They get more opportunities to play and get adjusted before they start their busy day. 2:40p.m. is pick up time; try and be on time.
- ⦿ At 8:15 we are beginning instruction; your child arriving late is a distraction to the entire class
- ⦿ School is 180 days a year and it takes me every single one of those days to get your children ready for fourth grade. **If you take time off for vacation you can do independent study and I can get you a packet of everything we will be learning in school so they do not miss anything. As soon as you have a vacation planned let me know.**



Doctors and Orthodontist Appointments

- ⦿ Doctor's appointments should be made after school. We will be doing social studies and science the last hour of the day. On Thursdays we do music and library at that same time and on Tuesdays we will be doing an art project.
- ⦿ Mornings we are doing ELA and Math



Our attitude can make or break us!

- ◎ Every child in this class wants friends, to feel accepted, loved, and successful!
- ◎ We can help them by encouraging them to express themselves clearly and kindly
- ◎ Keeping our own adult feelings and opinions to ourselves. Imagine what you would like others to say about your child in their home.
- ◎ We are a family and we all must work together to help everyone achieve success. We are better together!!



Most importantly:

- ◎ They will learn how to believe in themselves, work hard, and become part of a learning community! They will learn how to work together to solve complex problems.



WE NEED YOU!!!

- I love help and so does your child. We are accepting morning helpers for ELA centers. You will be just roving the class helping students while I work with a small group. 9a.m.-10:10a.m.
- We will need drivers for field trips and also simulation project days.
- We love to have snacks for our class. If your fruit tree or garden is overflowing; we can find plenty of hungry children!

Walking Field Trips and field trips!

- ◉ We will be taking a monthly field trip to walk to the park, historical museum, and visiting grinding rocks
- ◉ WE will visit so many places a master list of field trips has been created and we would love for you to help us



READING HELP

If your child is not reading at grade level I will be doing a reading club after school on Mondays 2:40-3:30 p.m.. My goal is to help everyone to be successful!

At home have your child read 7 days a week for 20-30 minutes every night. If they are missing more than 3 words on a page the book is too difficult. Have your child read out loud to you, this is the best way to hear the mistake and help them fix it!

How to get involved??

- ◎ Parent Teacher Club
- ◎ They provide each classroom with valuable resources!!
- ◎ They meet the second Tuesday after school every month. Childcare is provided!
- ◎ Great way to meet other parents and make a difference in your child's education!!

