I am excited to welcome your student to my class. I have many fun and interesting activities planned for your student this year. This packet is an overview of our school year and class requirements. Please keep it handy as it may answer many questions you may have over the course of the year. I am looking forward to working with you and your student and having a great year.

**Language Arts**

Students will read aloud stories in class. They will also engage in SSR (Sustained Silent Reading). These activities will help with reading and listening comprehension skills, and hopefully, will also help develop a life-long habit of reading!

Students will also participate in the Accelerated Reader Program, better known as “AR.” Students will need an AR book at school each day. They may use books from my classroom library, the school library, purchase books from our monthly book order, bring books from home, or the public library. The AR list is on the Eagle Canyon website. Students are required to have 20 AR points this trimester, and these points will be part of their trimester work habits assessment. Students who reach 60 points by the beginning of May will be rewarded by Mrs. Warner and Mr. Reger.

Writing is an integral part to Language Arts. Students will write often in class about a wide range of topics and for different purposes, such as opinion, narrative, and expository. "Step Up to Writing" is the program used to help students become better writers.

Integrated within our Language Arts series are Spelling and Vocabulary. Vocabulary lists will consist of academic words necessary for 21st century learning. During the week the students will have several activities to help practice the definitions and spelling patterns. Students will be tested on their comprehension, and vocabulary as well as grammar and writing strategies throughout each unit.
Mathematics
It is imperative that each student know their basic addition and subtraction facts through 18. Help your child practice with flash cards, worksheets, etc.

The students will be tested on each chapter in their book. Please review skills as they are taught with each lesson your child brings home to work on each night. Please help your child to study and complete each assignment.

The students will also participate in the IXL and MIND (Jiji) programs which use the computer to teach math skills. These programs may be accessed at home.

Science
The third grade science program is organized in the areas of life, earth, and physical sciences. Units include energy, matter, and animals and their habitats. There will also be an introduction to the Scientific Inquiry Process.

Social Studies
The primary focus in third grade is the geography of California, the American Indians who lived here before us, our community, and symbols of America.

Quality of Work
All assignments are to be done neatly, and to the student’s personal best ability. Otherwise, work will be handed back to be done over.

Goals of our Standards-Based Report Card

1. Clarify and reinforce consistent, high expectations for all students and schools.
2. Help teachers, students, and families focus on the standards throughout the school year.
3. Provide specific feedback on progress toward mastering the standards so students, families, and teachers can work together to set meaningful goals for improvement.
**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held during the week of October 3. Please sign up for a time tonight. We will meet to discuss your child’s Progress Report during this time. Progress Reports for the 2nd and 3rd trimesters will be sent home halfway through each trimester. Report Cards will be sent home at the end of each trimester - every 12 weeks.

**Homework**

Homework may be assigned Monday through Thursday. It should take anywhere from 30-45 minutes to complete. Homework will consist of Math and a Reading log, and sometimes Language Arts, Social Studies or Science.

Students will purchase an agenda this year for them to fill out their daily assignments. Students will receive a reading log in which they must record a three or four sentence summary of the reading they do each night for at least 20 minutes. Please sign the agenda next to each assignment and return it each day. This signature indicates that the homework has been checked, done neatly, and completely. I may also write a note to the student or to you on the agenda. If you need to let me know about something, please feel free to do the same. I will check the agenda weekly.

Each Monday (Tuesday if there is a holiday) the previous week’s test papers will be sent home. They will be stamped for your signature. Please sign them and return them to me the next day. This insures me that you are aware of the progress your child is making weekly. Also, any school or community notices will be sent home on this day. Please look for them.

**We Are College Bound**

We will represent the Grizzlies from the University of Montana. Students need to know that college is where they are heading after high school. Shirts with our college name will be available for purchase. They are to be worn each Friday. Please look for the details soon.

**Eagle Canyon Spirit Wear**

Students are encouraged to wear their Eagle Canyon shirts to school each Wednesday to show their school spirit. These shirts may be purchased through the PTA. Details on how to buy a shirt were sent home in the Eagle Canyon folder.
No Excuses University
Eagle Canyon is proud to be a part of the No Excuses University network. Students are being taught that there are no excuses for doing anything but our best each day at school. Students can show their commitment to doing their best every day by wearing a No Excuses University t-shirt each Monday. These shirts may be purchased through the PTA.

Positive Behavior Expectations
Positive Behavior Expectations are posted in the classroom for the students. I believe in praise and positive reinforcement. Our Positive Behavior Expectations are the following:

Be Respectful
- Raise your hand to speak and for permission to leave your seat.
- Focus your attention and listen to anyone speaking.
- Regard the property of others and yourself.
- Use kind words.

Be Responsible
- Come prepared and be ready to learn.
- Use your time wisely to complete classwork.
- Complete all classwork and homework on time.
- Communicate with others effectively.

Be Safe
- Follow school rules in all environments:
  1. Walk in hallways.
  2. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
  3. Use all equipment properly.

Consequences
If a student chooses to break a rule, these consequences will result:

1st time-Warning
2nd time-Miss one recess
3rd time-Miss two recesses
4th time-Miss two recesses and note home for parent signature

Severe disruptions will be referred to the principal immediately
Art Pals
Our class will need a volunteer. Please sign up tonight. 😊

Attendance
Please make illness the only reason for an absence. Students will receive Perfect Attendance at the end of each trimester if they have no tardies, absences, or early dismissals. Students with a medical note may be excused for an appointment, otherwise, it will not be considered perfect attendance.

Independent Study
Students may be given credit for 5 or more days of school during an extended absence if advance notice of at least three days is given to the office and the teacher. Students will be given assignments by their teacher and must return the completed work on the day of return for full credit to be issued.

Birthdays/Leaving Early
Please let me know in advance if you would like to send in a treat for your child’s birthday. All items sent in will be passed out at the end of the day. We request that you send in goodie bags with party favors such as pencils, erasers, stickers, bookmarks, or any non-edible items of any kind. This makes it safe for all students, as some may have food allergies. If you do choose to send in a treat, it must be store-bought. If your child needs to leave early, please let me know in advance so that I can have them ready for you when they are to be picked up.

Nutrition
Students may bring a nutritious snack to eat during recess at the tables if they desire. Please send a water bottle to school for your child to drink in the classroom.

PTA
Please join. They provide so many wonderful assemblies and programs for our school.

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