



Contact Information

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Mrs. Brown's Class Schedule

Students may enter the classroom when the bell rings at 8:15 a.m.

Students arriving after 8:40 will need to get a tardy slip from the office before reporting to class.

- Specials: 8:50 – 9:40
 - Day 1 – Music with Mrs. Reynolds
 - Day 2 – Computer Lab with Mrs. Sims
 - Day 3 – Art with Mrs. Kynion
 - Day 4 – PE with Coach Ferguson (remember to wear athletic shoes)
- Lunch 12:17 – 12:42
- Our counselor, Mr. Suits will meet with our class on selected Tuesdays from 12:55 – 1:25.
- We will check out books from the library on Wednesdays from 1:05 – 1:25.
- Recess/Study Hall is 2:30 – 3:00.
- School will dismiss at 3:10 on Mondays and at 3:40 Tuesday through Friday.

Discipline Plan

Each student in our classroom has four 'sticks' with their name on each. As part of our classroom economy, every student who is able to keep all of their sticks until the end of the day has earned a 'gem'. Gems may be used as currency to 'buy' items from the class store. A student may give gems to other students, but are never allowed to solicit gems. Additional gems may be given for wearing a Tiger T-shirt on Friday, a random act of kindness, or other deed considered worthy. A student may not ask for a gem for good-deed-doing!

A student will be reminded to correct a behavior with no loss of stick. A second infraction will result in losing one stick with no other consequence. A third infraction will result in monitored aerobic activity during ½ of recess. A fourth infraction will result in monitored aerobic activity during the entire recess and he/she will call a parent to explain the behaviors. If a student loses all four sticks, he/she will be referred to the office.

Rather than punishing an inappropriate behavior, I choose to implement a research-based approach of monitored aerobic activity. Increased physical movement reduces the stresses that often lead to misbehavior through the release of endorphins. Studies also show improved test scores for students that participate in physically challenging activities.

I apply Love and Logic strategies in my classroom to individualize consequences resulting in loss of sticks depending on the unique circumstances and personalities of my students. These include:

- a. Locking-in sadness or empathy before delivering consequences
- b. Setting limits with enforceable statements
- c. Sharing control through lots of small choices

Snacks

If your student would like to bring a mid-morning snack, he/she may do so. Please remember that we are a TEC room and must always be mindful of our computers and considerate of others. Snacks should be ready to eat and easy for your student to clean up. Students will have the opportunity to 'buy' snacks from our class store using the classroom currency as part of the Grade Level Expectations for 4th grade social studies. Donations of individually packaged snacks will be gratefully accepted at any time during the school year!

Agenda

Students are required to record all assignments in their agenda. It is the student's responsibility to show the agenda to his/her parent/guardian and have it signed daily. This is where I will record any notes to you and our spelling list will be attached here each week. There is a space provided for you to send me notes or questions, and I will review the agendas each morning. All homework should be brought home in your student's blue mail/unfinished work folder.

The agenda is graded as part of our language curriculum.

Computer Homework

As members of a TEC class, students will be encouraged to use their computer skills outside of the classroom. It is important for an adult to monitor their student's Internet use, not only as a safety precaution, but also as an opportunity to spend valuable learning time with your child.

During the first few weeks of school I will begin sending home computer homework with your student. These assignments are optional. If you have a dial-up Internet connection, many of the sites will load slowly so remind your child to be patient. Students without Internet access at home may use computers in the Springfield-Greene County libraries at no charge. Please carefully read the instructions on the computer homework and allow your child to show you what they are learning in class.

Scholastic Book/Software Orders

Your student will bring home a Scholastic book/software order form(s) each month. This is a great way to motivate your child to read, it allows them to buy books at a minimal cost, and your participation earns points for our classroom to get free books. When you order by check, make the check payable to 'Scholastic'. You may also order online from our class website www.4thgradetec.com click on 'links', then click on 'reading', then click on the Scholastic bar. Our user name: 4thgradetec and our password: brown.

Recycle Ink Cartridges

We will be collecting used ink cartridges. This will reduce the cost of new ink cartridges and other materials needed in our TEC classroom.



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