**FAQ/ Important Stuff**

**Attendance:** Please have your child at school on time each morning. The bell rings at 7:15. Our day begins promptly at 7:30. Being on time and ready to learn is very important. If at all possible, please schedule appointments for after school. Please make sure you check the attendance policy in the agenda, especially if you plan on taking an extended vacation, etc.

**Early Dismissal Days are 7:15-10:45**

**Make-up work:** If your child is absent from school he/she will be allowed to make up any work necessary when they return. The school allows 5 days for make-up work to be completed. If your child will need more time than this, please send a note in their agenda.

**Materials:** There may be times throughout the year that items such as tissues, dry-erase markers, crayons, pencils, or glue need to be replaced. I will ask for refurbishment as needed. Otherwise I got us covered 😉

**Parties:** A winter celebration in December, an end-of-the-year celebration in May, other fun theme days your kids come up with. I do not assign food or drinks to anyone. I tell the children if they bring it, we’ll eat it! We will be exchanging Valentine’s Day cards this year and I will be sending info. about any other celebrations as they arise.

**Birthdays:** If you would like us to celebrate your child’s birthday at school, you may send easy-to-serve-and-not-very-messy treats such as cupcakes, cookies, or treat bags. WE HAVE NUT ALLERGIES IN OUR CLASSROOM SO PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THOSE NEEDS. Please provide plates and/or napkins if needed. We will take a few minutes sometime in the day to sing and eat with the birthday boy/girl (usually at recess)

**Books:** I have purchased many books for our classroom library and hope to continue to add to the collection. I do not mind the students borrowing my personal books to take home to read. We have a checkout system here in our classroom, and I ask that if you lose or destroy a book that you reimburse/ or replace the book for our class. I also welcome books from home if the students choose to bring them. Just be sure they have a name on them so they will not get mixed in with our class library. Your child has been sponsored this year and will be receiving books for their own home library.

**Money:** When sending in money for any reason, please place the correct amount of money in an envelope with your child’s name and purpose for the money.

**Lunch:** Our class eats at 11:35– 12:05. Feel free check-in at the office and meet your child in the front lobby to eat lunch with them any day.

**Snacks:** Your child may bring a healthy snack and a **closable** water bottle.

**Conferences:** If you are interested in discussing your child’s progress, please contact me in writing or by email. I want to give you my full attention when discussing your child. I will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time for us to meet. Keeping one another informed of home and school situations is very important. When I check agendas daily, I will respond to day-to-day concerns. Please contact me immediately if you have a concern. It is much better to be ahead in our game, rather than behind. I respond to most emails and make phone calls at the end of the day.

**Homework:** Your child should have approximately 40 min. of homework Mon. – Friday. The only reason they would need to spend additional time on Homework is if they are not completing work in class. Please understand careful planning goes into how much class time is acceptable for a 4th grader and they will not need to bring any class work home if they are working at an average 4th Grader pace.

* DEAR (drop everything and read) – 20 min. (2 approved books will count as an ELA grade, more will be extra credit)
* ½ Math Drops
* Fluency Practice
* iReady Math/ELA if not completed in allotted class time (45 min each subject, more will earn extra credit)
* Some nights your child will need to study material to prepare for tests and help in their retaining of knowledge received in class.

At first it may take your child longer, but as they practice and get the rhythm, it should get better. If your child is spending *hours* on homework there is a problem, let me know.

As the year progress, I will notify you of any homework changes.

**4H/Projects:** Students will be given 2-3 projects such as weathering and erosion and 4H reports to be done during the year. Students will have at least 3 weeks to complete any home project.

**Friday Folders:** Each week your child will bring home a Friday folder with their papers. Some will have grades and some will receive a +/checkmark for completion/ participation. Please look over these papers with your child, sign the front sheet, and return the folder by Wednesday. Here you can leave comments or questions you have concerning the papers.

Any paper below a 75, can be corrected for a grade that can be raised to a 75. These papers will need to be removed from the folder and given directly to me (Morning Mail)

**Skyward**: Student grade portal…

**Other Communication**: Seesaw: View Videos, Pictures and Updates from our classroom, I can also video and send messages to you privately here.

Twitter: Follow Mrs. Patterson: @ErinPatterson07 Follow Barfield: @WeAreBarfield,

Email: pattersone@rcschools.net

Seesaw is private for our class room. Please do not take any pictures from our private spaces and share them publicly. Comments can be seen by our class.