

Mr. Gulka's Classroom Info

Class fee

Thank you so much for paying the class fee. Please be assured that the money will be spent on your child for: rockets, 5th grade play t-shirts, class activities that require extra supplies, field trips, and a few class parties.

Mr. Gulka's Schoolwork:

It is not my intention to burden your student with too much work or cause undue frustration. Schoolwork will routinely be given for skills that need practicing or for projects that are started in-class and can be finished at home.

I have a very simple and straightforward system. Schoolwork is passed out on Monday and is due on Thursday with a few exceptions throughout the year. Your child will fill out their **Student Planner** every Monday. **Please review and sign your child's Student Planner before Friday.** I have used this system for many years with a lot of success. I will talk about ways to modify this system to serve you and your child better at Curriculum Night.

1. Schoolwork is for students to complete - not for parents. Parent completed work will not be graded.

2. Parents, please help structure a consistent time and place for homework completion.

3. Please don't let homework time turn into an exercise in frustration - just stop everything and write me a note explaining where further instructions needs to happen.

4. If your student is absent it is their responsibility to pick up their schoolwork. They will be allowed an extra day or two to turn in their work.

5. Failure to complete homework by the due date may result in a loss of some recess time to get organized and back on track.

6. I will send home a homework OOPS Slip in the Friday Envelope. Please sign and return. Thanks!

7. An extra recess is earned by students who complete all their schoolwork, fill out their Student Planners completely, and have a parent signature by Friday.

Sharing:

Your child will be the Star Student for a week this school year. Students can bring in photographs & mementos. Please use discretion when allowing your student to bring items to school.

Toy guns or weapons are not allowed. I also ask that pets are not brought in for sharing. Pets can be shown after school, after students are excused from class.

Tardiness:

Please make every effort to get your student to school on time. Students are allowed in the classroom at 7:45. School begins promptly at 7:55. Late students must check in at the office. Tardy students must pick up a slip at the office to give to the teacher.

Trips during the year:

If you are planning on taking a trip during the school year, let me know in writing. Trips out of state sometimes offer a great opportunity for a student to create a photo/journal that can be presented to the class. I will provide students with a pre made schoolwork packet. I will discuss this in detail on curriculum night.

Breakfast

Please be sure your child has a healthy breakfast before coming to school. Children do remarkably better with a full stomach.

Breakfast is served in the cafeteria every morning from 7:30 - 7:50.

Snacks

If your child needs a snack in the morning please send something nutritious in his/her backpack. Snack time is at 9:45 (right before our 9:55 recess).

Field Trips

All parents interested in volunteering for field trips **must** have filled out a 4J Background Check. The school district must do a background check on all adults in contact with students. Please do this far in advance of any trips. If you filled one out last year you do not have to fill one out again.

Book Orders

Approximately once a month I will send home two to three Scholastic book orders - TAB, ARROW, and LUCKY. Our classroom earns points for the books ordered. I use the points toward purchasing books for the class library. Look for emails that indicate how to order ONLINE using our classroom code: **GZWZC**.

Friday Envelope

Every Friday I will send home a "Friday Envelope" filled with passed back work, a parent letter (2x month) and paperwork from the office. Please look for this as it tends to hide at the bottom of backpacks. I'll have the students turn this in on Monday morning.