

Welcome to Back to School Night 2019-2020

Mrs. Sarah Wood
4th Grade - Room B6

Mrs. Wood

- Credentialed teacher since 2005
- Has taught K, 1st, 4th, Resource, Learning Center and 6th Grade math and science. This is my 7th year in 4th grade.
- Married to Adam, Mom to Collin (4 1/2 years), and Rhett (2 1/2 years), dog-mom to Aussie (10)
- Resides in San Ramon
- Loves to camp, hike, kayak, drink coffee and go on walks with friends.

My own kiddos. . .

Rhett and Collin



Our Student Developed Classroom Pledge:

I pledge to our class that I will be a good listener. I will respect others and their property. I will care for everyone in the class and stick up for others when they need my help. I pledge to myself that I will try new things, think outside the box, and be willing to make mistakes in order to reach my full potential.

Expectations

1. Be Respectful
2. Make Good Decisions
3. Solve Problems
4. Have Fun
5. Learn

4 and 5 CANNOT happen
without 1, 2 and 3.



Classroom Management/Expectations

- One-on-one conversations with student
- Class meetings
- CARE: Caring, Accountability, Respect, Empathy
- Positive reinforcement (Fun Fridays, game days)
- Promote independence and take responsibility for learning and behavior
- Mutual respect
- 100% best effort every day
- Behavior clip system

Consequences

1. Verbal Warning
2. Classroom consequence
3. Phone call/email home
4. Visit office

*Some infractions will bypass any or all steps,
depending on severity.

Keeping student belongings with students. . .

Please put student names on. . .everything.

Backpacks, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, jackets, snack bags.

Please DO NOT send toys, stuffed animals or distracting items to school with your child.

Classroom Materials

- All materials for students are provided through Ed Fund donations. THANK YOU!
- Your child only needs to bring a backpack and a lunch box.
- We use the same materials in order to minimize distractions and arguments.



Music, Physical Education, Science, Library

Library/Eagle's Nest

- TBD

Music

- Mondays with music teacher, Gold Dust or Bust musical in spring.

Physical Education

- Wear appropriate attire.
- Tuesdays 8:00-8:50

Science

- Mondays 8:00-8:50
- Wednesdays 8:50-9:40

Technology

- NewsELA
- Google Classroom
- California Studies Weekly
- Sumdog
- Xtramath
- Twitter, Remind (teacher texts)
- Type to Learn
- TWIG Science
- Dreambox Math
- Code.org
- Digital Citizenship lessons
- Spelling City

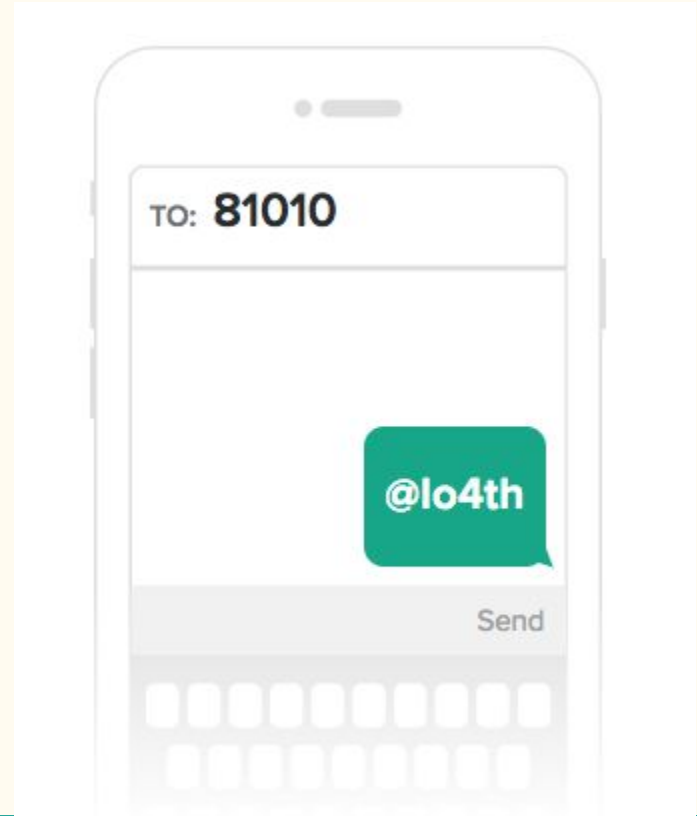
- Use of iPads and computers
- Must sign the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) before technology use can begin.
- We will be creating podcasts, iMovies and educreations to enhance academic content.

Students will have many online assignments. If your child will need access to technology during school hours to complete assignments, please let me know so I can best support them.

How to sign up for Remind:

Send a text “@lo4th”

to “81010”



Homework

- Homework will be given nightly and will include the following:
 - Math (Eureka and/or Dreambox)
 - Reading (Student book choice, response on Google Classroom)
 - Spelling practice (Spellingcity.com)
 - Social Studies Newspaper (quiz each Friday, newspapers available online)
 - Less frequently:
 - Writing
 - No more than 60 minutes each night

Homework continued

- Students will write in their “planners” daily
- Assignments should be listed by subject

If your child is becoming frustrated with a particular homework assignment, encourage them to do their best, but please send it in unfinished if necessary with a note or an email if the assignment is proving to be problematic. The goal is to reinforce skills, not create stress for your child.

The full homework policy can be found on the district website, as well as our classroom website.

Tests

Tests will be listed on the class website and students will write down dates in their planners. Your child will be instructed to write down dates, but if you are curious about test dates, please check my website.

One of the biggest leaps to fourth grade is learning how to take a test. Help your child practice strong study skills;

- *Use notecards*
- *Study with a buddy*
- *Reread material*

Common Core Report Card

- District will continue with the Common Core State Standards report card.
- The subjects and content your students will be assessed on are aligned to support the achievement of these standards.
- Students are assessed using a 1 – 3 grading rubric, with a “3” signifying a student who *consistently demonstrates* at-standard work.

Parent Help

- Room Parent: Help organize parties, coordinate events, communicate with class families
- Copy Parent: Come in weekly (TBD)
- Thursday Folders (Thursday Mornings)
- Field Trips (as needed)

Please email me if you are interested in Room Parent, Copy Parent or Thursday Folder support!

Band and Strings

- Twice a week, T and Th, 40 minutes with Mrs. Randall
- Students are expected to make up work that they miss, though we work hard to NOT teach new material during this time.
- Most students do very well juggling both
- Music is great for the mind!
- Note: Strings students will go past the end of the school day, and will be dismissed after the regular school day.

Birthday Parties/Food

Birthdays

- If you bring invitations to the class, please include the entire class. Otherwise, please pass out on your own or mail to families (**I cannot provide addresses**).
- **NO FOOD.** If you would like to bring a treat for the class, please consider a pencil or eraser, or something of that nature.
- If you have specific questions, please email Mrs. Wood.

Snack

- Please pack a snack that can be eaten in 5 minutes or less at recess time.

Binders

- Go home daily
- Contain daily student work

Thursday Folders

- Go home Thursday after school, need to be returned Friday Morning.
- Contain important graded papers, as well as important school information.

Questions

Please email me at swood@srvusd.net if you have questions.

If urgent, please call the office.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for being a partner in
your child's education! I am looking
forward to a great year!

Thank you, also, to our wonderful PTA and EdFund.

We appreciate all that you do for us!