

WELCOME

BACK TO SCHOOL



Mrs. Athwal

# Meet the Teacher

\*12TH YEAR TEACHING

\*BA DEGREE FROM FRESNO STATE

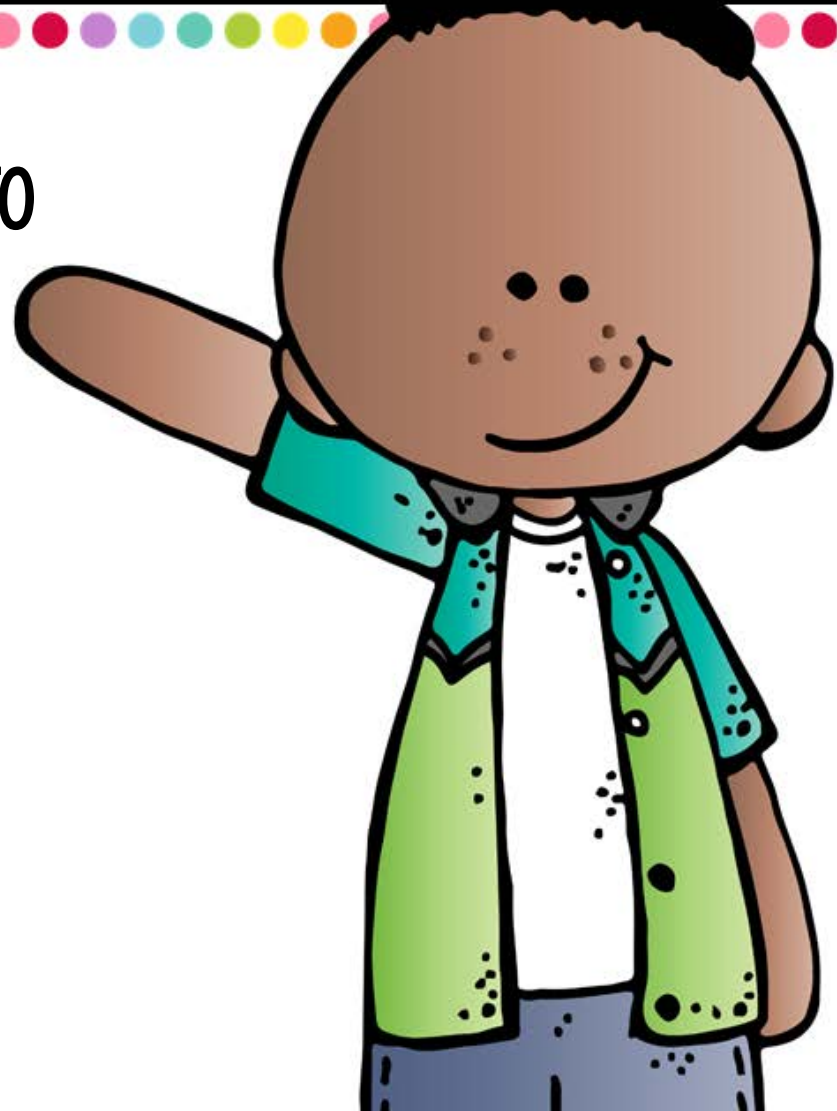
\*MA DEGREE FROM FRESNO STATE

\*TAUGHT GRADES 1, 3, 5, 8

\*MISS T (STUDENT TEACHER) WILL BE HERE  
EVERY DAY FROM 8AM-4PM



**HOW CAN WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO  
SOLVE PROBLEMS AND MAKE CHOICES  
INDEPENDENTLY IF WE CONSTANTLY  
MAKE CHOICES AND SOLVE PROBLEMS  
FOR THEM?**



# Growth Mindset

SCIENTIFIC THEORY THAT ONE'S  
INTELLIGENCE CAN BE GROWN OR  
DEVELOPED WITH PERSISTENCE AND  
HARD WORK.

-CAROL DWECK- STANFORD UNIVERSITY

-I CAN ATTITUDE

-POSITIVE SELF TALK



# Growth Mindset

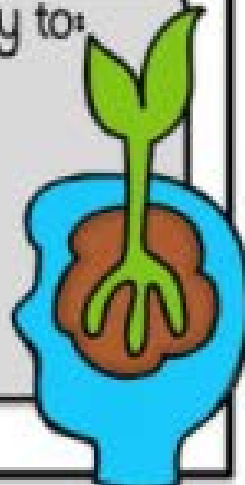
## Why is having a growth mindset important?

Research has shown that children who have a fixed mindset are more likely to:

- Fear failure
- Give up on tasks they feel are too difficult
- Ignore feedback
- Avoid challenges
- Feel threatened by the success of others

Children who have a growth mindset are more likely to:

- Learn from their mistakes
- Be motivated to succeed
- Put forth more effort
- Take challenges head on
- Take risks
- Seek feedback
- Learn more
- Learn faster



# Flexible Seating

-STUDENTS CHOSE A SEAT THAT FITS THEIR LEARNING STYLE AND NEEDS EACH DAY

-TEACHING DONE AT THE CARPET;  
INDEPENDENT/GROUP WORK AT SEATS

-SEATS WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED BY THE TEACHER UNLESS NECESSARY. RULES REVIEWED DAILY.

- GOALS:
- \*STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & MOTIVATION
  - \*KEEP UP WITH CHANGING TIMES
  - \*COLLABORATION
  - \*COMMUNICATION
  - \*CREATIVITY
  - \*CRITICAL THINKING
  - \*PROBLEM SOLVERS
  - \*CLASSROOM COMMUNITY



# Classroom Rules

## Student Rights:

- To learn.
- To feel safe.
- To ask questions.
- To make learning choices.
- To have a chance for sharing ideas.
- To make mistakes.

## Student Responsibilities:

- To respect the work of others.
- To help classmates.
- To listen when being spoken to.
- To share materials and knowledge.
- To clean up.



# Behavior

**BE SAFE**  
**BE RESPECTFUL**  
**BE RESPONSIBLE**

**WARNING**

**THINK LIKE A TROJAN** (picture sent to parent)

**NEEDS IMPROVEMENT** (pink copy sent to parent)

\*Resets each quarter for award purposes





# Awards

**SPARTHENIAN**

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

**CHARACTER AWARDS**

**BLOCK TK**

Note will be sent home if your child is  
receiving an award

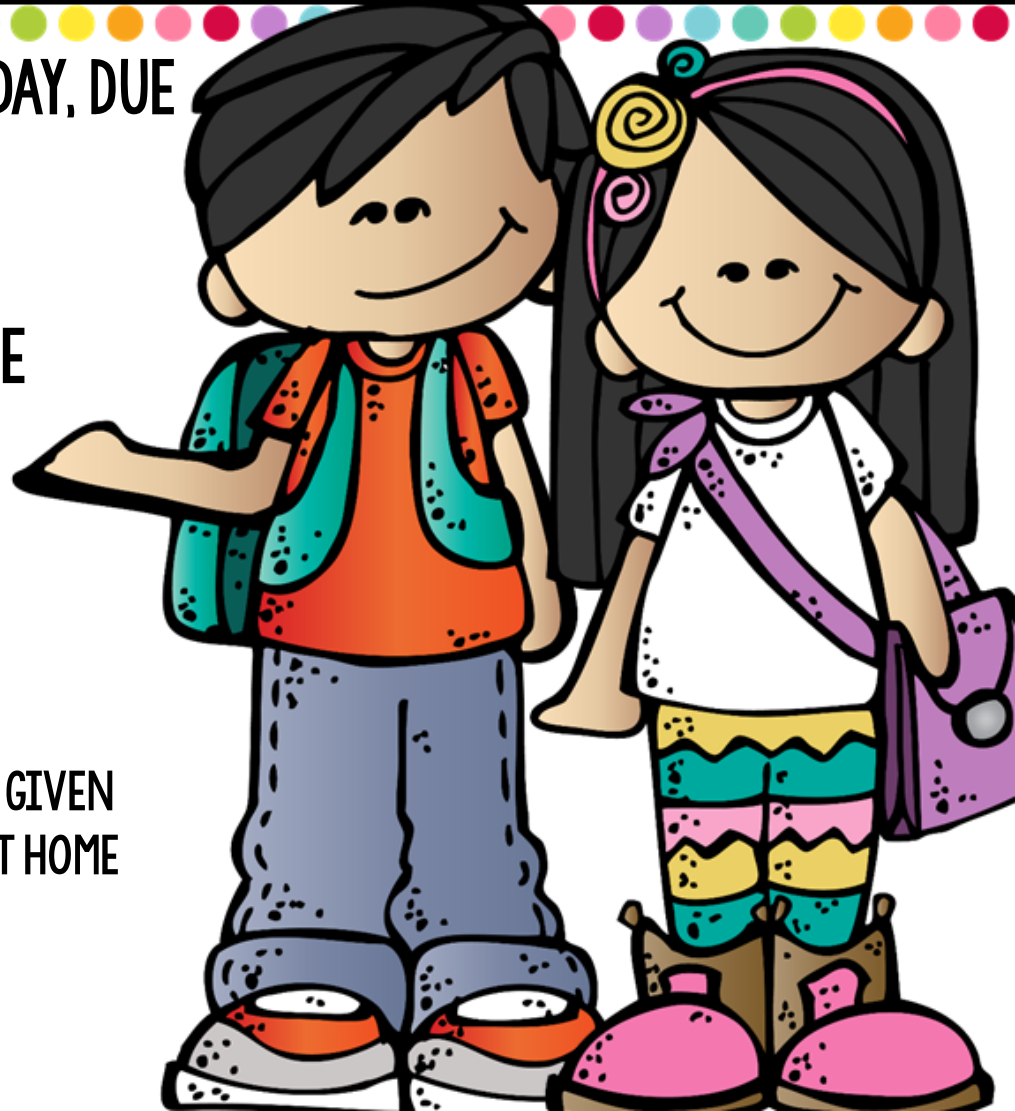


# Homework

ALL HOMEWORK WILL BE GIVEN FRIDAY, DUE THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY.

STRICTLY REVIEW WORK TO PRACTICE SKILLS THAT HAVE BEEN TAUGHT.

\*NOTE: UNFINISHED WORK FROM CLASS THAT WAS GIVEN AMPLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO WORK ON, MAY BE SENT HOME FOR HOMEWORK



# Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



90<sup>th</sup> percentile

Student "B"  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

**282,000 words**



50<sup>th</sup> percentile

Student "C"  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**\*READING FOR AT LEAST 20  
MINUTES A NIGHT REQUIRED!**

**\*QUARTERLY BOOKS REPORTS  
WILL BE ASSIGNED.**

**8,000 words**



10<sup>th</sup> percentile

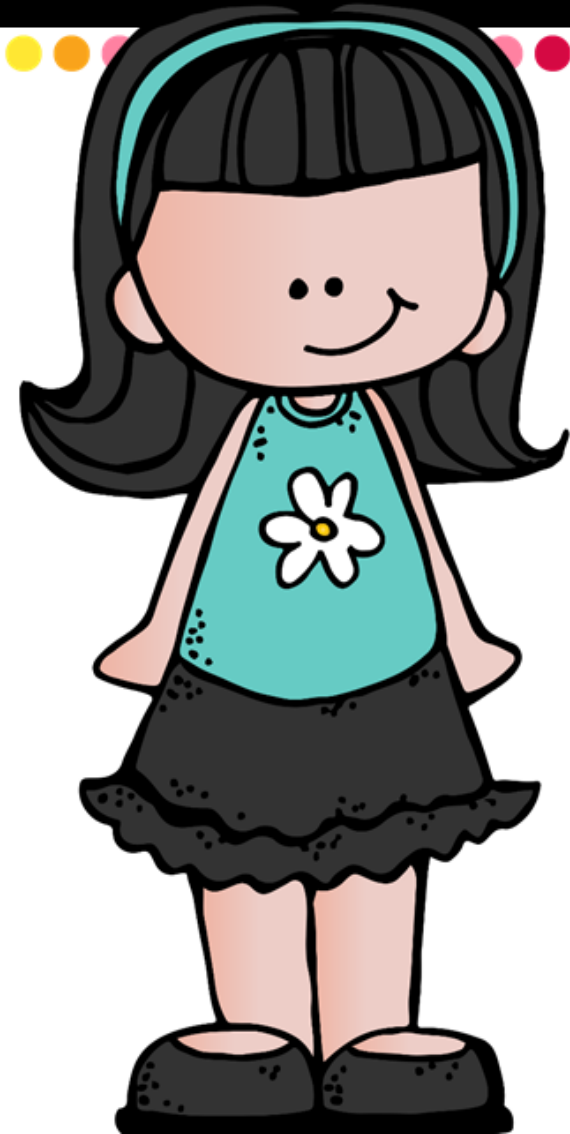
By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

# Language Arts

CITING TEXT EVIDENCE, RESEARCH  
SKILLS, ANALYZING CHARACTERS,  
COMPARE/CONTRAST SIMILAR TEXTS

ALL 3 WRITING GENRES:  
OPINION, INFORMATIONAL, NARRATIVE



# Math

VOLUME

+, -, X, ÷ OF FRACTIONS

DECIMALS

MULTIPLYING & DIVIDING

PROBLEM SOLVING

REAL WORLD APPLICATION



# History

NATIVE AMERICANS  
DISCOVERY OF AMERICA  
EXPLORERS  
COLONIAL AMERICA  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
DEVELOPING U.S. CONSTITUTION  
WESTWARD EXPANSION & MIGRATION



# Science

## PHENOMENON IN THE SKY

(STARS, EARTH, SHADOWS, LUNAR CYCLES)

## PROTECTING EARTH'S RESOURCES

(WATER CYCLE, WEATHER)

## MATTER

(ATOMS, PHYSICAL CHANGES, CHEMICAL CHANGES)

## MATTER & ENERGY

(PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD WEBS)



# Communication

ON FRIDAYS, EXPECT TO FIND...

1. ALL GRADED WORK
2. UPDATED PROGRESS REPORT
3. NOTES FROM SCHOOL/TEACHER
4. THE UPCOMING WEEK'S HOMEWORK PACKET

...IN YOUR CHILD'S  
HOMEWORK/COMMUNICATION FOLDER

CONTACT ME BY PHONE, EMAIL, NOTE, OR STOP  
BY... WHATEVER WORKS BEST FOR YOU!

CHECK OUR CLASSROOM WEBSITE FOR FREQUENTLY  
UPDATED NEWS/INFORMATION/RESOURCES.





# Notes

BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET  
GROWTH MINDSET INFO

\*FAMILY MEDIA AGREEMENT

\*EARLY DROP OFF

\*CORE LIT READING INFO

PTC MEMBERSHIP

*Thank you very much  
for coming in tonight!*

