

Class Rules and Expectations
Mrs. Stevens' 4th Grade
2017-2018

*** Contact information**

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*** Class information/ Communication**

The class blog can be found at <https://lpastevens.wordpress.com>

We believe it is so important to communicate with our families. Please feel free to email me with helpful information, questions, and concerns. If necessary, we can set up a time to meet. Please be sure I have the current email address you most often access so I can contact you when necessary. Notify us immediately of any changes to phone numbers/or email address!

*** School Information**

School begins at 8:30 am and your child needs to be inside the classroom, ready to learn, at this time or they will be counted tardy at 8:31. There will be no exceptions and tardy students will need to bring a slip from the office.

School dismissal is at 3:00 pm everyday, except Wednesday when we end at 1:30 pm. If there is a change in your student's pick up plan, please notify the office so they can get the information to the teacher/student. You may also email the teacher, but to ensure the information is received in time, the office must be notified. If students are being picked up in the parking lot, please note that we will ask you to pull into the pick up area before we will allow the student to walk to your car. All of the staff at LPA strives to keep our students safe and we ask for your understanding and participation in this effort.

*** Specials**

Monday	PE
Tuesday	Art
Wednesday	none
Thursday	PE
Friday	Computers

* **Binder/assignment agenda**

Students will write their homework/notes each day in their agenda. Please be certain your student brings their binder to school daily. This is also where students will record their nightly homework, daily behavior, and school events. You will also find the weekly spelling words in this folder. Having the student fill out the agenda ensures that they know what their homework is and they are aware of upcoming events. It is also a great way to teach them responsibility. Please review it nightly and sign at the end of the week.

* **Behavior expectations**

As a class, we will create the rules for our classroom. These rules and procedures are essential to learning. When these rules are broken, it distracts us from learning. Students will be rewarded for positive behaviors and will have the opportunity to correct behaviors that are not productive. A color chart will be used and students will move their clips accordingly. The color that they end the day on will be recorded in their agenda. Everyday students will begin on blue (Ready To Learn). The chart is as follows:

Purple (Totally Rad - Great Job)

Blue (Surf's Up - Ready To Learn)

Green (Hang 10 - Good Choices Need To Be Made)

Yellow (Tidal Wave - Think About It)

Orange (Teacher's Choice)

Red (Wipe Out - Parent Contact)

Beached (Detention)

* **Water policy**

Students must bring a water bottle! Water will be the only beverage allowed in the classroom. There is not a water fountain close to our classroom and 5 or 6 minutes is the average time that a student spends going to the water fountain. When a student leaves the classroom, they lose valuable instruction time. While 5 minutes doesn't sound like much, it can easily turn into 2 hours a month of lost time..

* **Homework policy**

Good study habits are essential for student success, so I would encourage you to establish good habit early in life and put homework high on the priority list. Usually, homework will be a math page, some type of ELA page, and possibly spelling. I expect

homework to be completed and turned in first thing every morning. Certain homework assignments will be weighted into grades. Students get one “oops” per quarter if they forget their homework, but it must be turned in the following day. After the one “oops”, missed homework will require the student to complete their homework during recess and obtain a parent signature. Late homework will not receive full credit! Should you or your student ever have a question please feel free to contact me (e-mail is the easiest). No student should ever spend more than 45 minutes nightly on the homework. Periodically, students will be given projects to complete outside of class. These may include book reports, research project, visual presentations, etc.

There will be a weekly spelling test and students are expected to practice the spelling words daily, regardless of the spelling homework assigned. This will ensure success on their spelling test and will be reflected in their future writing assignments.

* **Grading Policy**

Classwork and tests are graded using a weighted percentage, with test counting for at least 50% of a student’s grades. If a student does not score at least 70% on a reading or math formative, they will attend reteach and/or tutoring. Then they will be given the opportunity to retake the formative test for a passing grade. Since 4th grade is very different; if a student receives less than 70% on any regular class assignment **during the 1st quarter**, the student may correct the assignment and receive up to 70%. These “redo” opportunities will require a signature before I give credit. Class assignments and homework may be made up when a student is absent. Please keep in mind, however, that practice sheets cannot take the place of in class instruction. We spend a large amount of time creating graphic organizers, using power points, and interacting in groups. Therefore, **attendance is crucial to our students’ success**. All work must be completed before the end of a grading period. As per our school guidelines, any student receiving a failing grade on their report card or minimally proficient score on a benchmark assessment is required to complete 12 hours of remediation.

* **Class/Birthday celebrations**

All “treats” that are brought to the classroom **MUST** be arranged with me prior to their arrival, or you run the risk of them being returned. According to the Health and Wellness policy set by the La Paloma School Board, all snacks for the class should be **healthy** and must be store bought. Students love a popsicle, or frozen yogurt, packaged fruits such as grapes, apples, or watermelon are also quite popular. **Please do not send cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc for class celebrations**. There are several choices that can be used in place of food. Special pencils, erasers, etc are alternatives to food items. If you need some healthy choice ideas please contact me!

* **Dress Code Policy**

As per our school policy, students must follow the school dress code for the entire school day. Every Friday, students may “Dress Down” for a \$1.00 fee. These funds will

be used to supplement classroom curriculum and supplies. There is a copy of the dress code outside the classroom if you need to review it.