

## Parent Information

Dear Parents,

Please keep this information throughout the school year. You may need to refer to it from time to time.

### Laptops

Each student will be issued his or her own laptop to be used in the classroom daily. This will change how homework assignments are given to the students. Below is a listing of the subjects taught and how your child will be graded.

Many of the assignments given will be done with the following websites: [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com), [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com), and others which will all be found on my website **[www.greenvilleelementary.com](http://www.greenvilleelementary.com)**. Study Island is a website that gives assignments based on Common Core Standards. The students will have his/her own user name and password for all of the sites and they will also be able to log in at home, if you have Internet access. Don't worry if you do not, they will have plenty of time to complete their assignments in class.

### Homework/Agenda Guidelines

**ALL** grades will be taken from work done in class. This means that your child should not be bringing home much homework. However I know as a parent we sometimes want to go over things with our children. So I have made that easy for you. Almost every assignment is accessible to you before the student does it in class via our class calendar/website, **[www.greenvilleelementary.com](http://www.greenvilleelementary.com)**. Click on the assignment if it says see details. There will be a link to the actual assignment or tell you where to go to do the assignment. I am fine with you going over the assignment before it is due; however I will only be taking a grade on what the child does while in class. I do this because I want to see what your child is capable of doing on his/her own.

Agendas are given to each student at the beginning of the year. I DO NOT require this to be signed and I do not check to make sure they are filled out. Student's may choose to use agendas or follow the homework assignments on our classroom website. Please discuss this with your child and decide together what will work best for your household.

### Math

This year students will be experiencing math in a different way. We have already transitioned to the new Common Core Standards. This means that we will be teaching concepts that seem more difficult than before. With that said, I will be doing everything that I can to prepare your child for success. It is VERY IMPORTANT to get started right now memorizing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. Assignments for math will be done in class, in the new math book, on Study Island, and on the new Math website. You are able to practice with your child online at home using their log in information. We will also be creating math notebooks throughout the year which will contain new vocabulary words and example problems done in class. There will also be daily/weekly practice packets coming home.

### Reading

On Mondays, students will be introduced to a new story in our Reader. We will also learn new vocabulary words for our week's story on Mondays. On Tuesdays, students will partner read the story in class and do a vocabulary and/or comprehension assignment. On Wednesdays, the students will independently read the story. On Thursday we will review the story, vocabulary words, and skills. On Friday, we will take an electronic quiz over the story and vocabulary words. There will also be Study Island assignments done weekly. They will be assigned on Monday and your child will have until Thursday to complete them. Students will have plenty of time to work on these assignments in class, but if your child needs additional practice please feel free to practice at home.

### Spelling

Spelling words are given to students on Mondays and will need to write the words three times each. Wednesdays, students will take a pretest. On Thursday students will have a vocabulary quiz over the word's meanings. If a student receives an A+ on the spelling pretest, then he/she will not take the test on Friday. Students can practice words at

www.spellingcity.com search for Jackie Blumer and you will see my lists for the whole year by week. The words are also located on my website. Both pre-tests, vocabulary, and final tests will be taken electronically on Spelling City each week.

### Language

Students will be working on Language skills using the textbook and on Study Island. Writing assignments will be done electronically in Google Drive or on Study Island.

### Social Studies/Science

In Social Studies, we will focus on the United States the first semester and Illinois during the second semester of school. In Science, we will cover topics such as Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science, Space Science and the Human Body. Each unit will be completed in one to three weeks. Students will have both subjects most days.

### Bathroom Pass/Snack Break

Students are allowed to take the bathroom pass when needed throughout the day. They know not to leave during class discussions. Students are allowed to bring in a healthy snack or purchase snacks from our pod store during our daily pod break. The cost of the snacks will be 50 cents and is optional. The money made from the store will be used to purchase items for our classrooms.

### GRADING SCALE

100-92	A
91-84	B
83-76	C
75-65	D
□64-0	F

### CLASSROOM RULES

1. Listen carefully and follow directions□
2. Raise your hand before talking□
3. Respect others and their property□
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself
5. Work and play safely

### Behavior/ Discipline Policy:

1. Warning□
2. 1 Minor slip – 5 minutes
- 3. 2 Minor slip –10 minutes□
4. 3 Minor slip – All recess

Four minor slips becomes a major, and the student will be sent to the office. Copies of all minor and major slips will be recorded in the office.

### Good Behavior

Students who show the following expectations Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible will be given “Rocket Fuel” tickets to be redeemed at the school’s Rocket Fueling Station monthly.

Any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via email or phone. The best and quickest way for me to respond is through an email. I check it frequently. I do ask that if you do not get a response in 24 hours, please resend or call the school.

□□Thanks,

Mrs. Blumer

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