

Dear Parent(s),

Welcome to Room 209! I know that this will be a positive year for your child as we build on past successes and learn new things in fifth grade. With home and school working together, your child's academic and social skills will become even stronger throughout the year. Below is some important information for you:



I will be using the “WARRIORS” binders this year. WARRIORS is an acronym for **We Are Radical, Respectful, Intelligent, Organized & Responsible Students**. This is a 3 ring notebook binder that serves as a great organizational tool. It contains dividers that their homework, letters to parents, daily reminders for students, etc will be kept in. It is a great way for students to learn responsibility, how to be organized, and it will serve as a great communication link between teacher and parents

Attendance: Children need to be in school every day. Our school day begins at 8:00 am with the tardy bell ringing at 8:15. When a student is absent, please send a written excuse on the day that they return to school. The student will be given instructions for handling this.

Transportation: If your child has a change in how he/she will get home, please send a written note. Children often get confused when trying to relay a message. If we do not receive a note or phone call by the end of the day, school policy states that we must send your child home the normal way.

Schedule: A detailed schedule of our instructional activities will be sent home as routines and procedures are in place.

Dismissal: Car riders and walkers are dismissed at 3:10. Car drop off and pick up will be by the gym. Signs will be posted. If your child is picked up before 3:10, he/she will need to be signed out in the office. Bus riders are dismissed at 3:15.

Lunch Money : Please send lunch money in an envelope with your child's name as well as the teacher's name. Lunch forms are included in the information packet. Please return it as soon as possible.

Other Money: If at any time during the year you need to send other money to school, please put it in an envelope with your child's name, teacher's name, and purpose of money. This will be greatly appreciated.

Homework: Your child will have math homework Monday-Thursday each week. They will also need to study for science and social studies tests (please check WARRIORS binder for upcoming tests and quizzes).

Curriculum: We are fully implementing the Literacy Collaborative framework. Your child will be engaged in a daily literacy block consisting of Read-Aloud, Word Study/Language, Guided Reading, Independent Reading, and Writing.

Accelerated Reader is encouraged and is part of their extracurricular reading at home. They are welcome to take tests before class begins.

Conferences: I have an open-door policy and look forward to getting to know each of you on a personal level this year. Please feel free to address any issues that may arise at anytime. I am available during my planning time from 11:05-11:55am, and after dismissal each day. You may also email me at dethridge@tiftschools.com.

Other: If your child has any type of allergy or severe medical condition, please let me know immediately. I know the seriousness of such conditions and promise to take great care of your child, but I need to know that the condition exists and that we have proper medications on hand.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Thank you in advance for your help!

Always teaching,

Ms. Ethridge

