

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am so excited to work with you and your child this year to make it a great year of learning! I have created a classroom website which will hold the important information for the school year. This website is www.mschneidt.weebly.com. I will be adding to this site as needed to keep everyone informed with what we are doing in our class. Your student's academic success is very important to me and I look forward to being a part of their journey here at Edgewood. I have included some information below to jump start the communication for the school year.

Thank you,
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Room 23
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School Hours

Regular Day: The first bell of the school day is at 8:30 and school begins at 8:35. With our entry system, a parent or guardian will need to walk their child into the building if arriving after 8:35. The dismissal bell rings at 3:42 and parents are asked to wait outside or in the glass vestibule outside of the office until the final bell rings.

Delayed Start: 10:00 AM- 3:42 PM

Half Day: 8:30 AM- 12:05 PM

Parent Contact

I have created a Google Form to help me keep track of parent information. If you could take a couple of minutes to fill this out, it would be helpful as we will be communicating throughout the school year. This Form is also located on our classroom website if you are unable to fill it out during the Meet, Greet, and Find your seat. The best way to contact me is via email: mschneidt@fruitportschools.net. I will be checking and responding to emails once the school day is done and will not be able to respond after 5PM on weekdays.

Classroom Dojo

We will be using Classroom Dojo as a positive behavior management system. Students will be able to reflect on their behaviors weekly while setting goals for themselves. This is a great way to keep you informed regarding your child's success throughout the day. I will be checking and sending out reminders once the school day is done and will not be able to respond to Dojo messages anytime after 5PM on weekdays. Please make sure to download the ClassDojo app to your device and pick up the login information with your child's name on it during Meet and Greet.

Technology

I am thrilled to have chromebooks in our classroom this year that we can use daily! Your child will be using their Chromebook for most content areas and will be expected to follow through with the technology expectations which will be addressed during the first week of school.

Schedule

Our schedule for specials is going to look a little different this year. Part of our class will be combined with the other third grade classes and go to their special together. Therefore, not all students from our class will go to the same special. Your child will know which group they fall in once the school year begins.

Please provide proper footwear for the day your child has P.E. I am excited that this year your child will receive STEM once a week, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This is a highly engaging and fun class that will get your students critically thinking and building.

Time	Students	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:50- 10:40	Not 3rd Grade Combined	Art	PE		STEM	Music
9:50- 10:40	3rd Grade Combined	STEM	Music		Art	PE
12:25-12:55	All Mrs. Schneidt's 3rd Grade			Library		

Phone

During the school day, the classroom phones do not ring. If you do call during the day, the office can take a message and deliver it to me or you can leave a voicemail. I will be return your call as soon as I can.
 School Phone Number: 231-865-3171 Classroom Extension: 1023

Homework

After considerable research and discussion, we have decided that there will be no formally assigned homework this year in Room 23. The only “homework” this year will consist of assignments your student didn’t finish during the school day. Current academic research has consistently found homework to either negatively affect or not affect student achievement. Further, when homework is assigned, it often provides barriers to our students who need additional support the most. Instead, we ask that you spend your evenings doing things that are proven to correlate with student success: eat dinner as a family, read together, play outside, and get your child to bed early. **Please still have your child read at least 20 minutes per night.**

Friday Folder

All papers are sent home with your child in their Friday Folder on the last day of the week. Please take the time to look over your child’s papers. The Friday Folder is expected to be returned on the first day of the week.

Snack/Water Bottle

There will be snack time every day in our classroom. It is at this time that we ask for your child to have a healthy snack like fruit, graham crackers, pretzels, granola bar, etc. Your child is also welcomed to bring in a water bottle daily. I do ask that the water bottle is not glass and that it has a pop top, so we can reduce the amount of spills in the classroom.

Lunch Money

Please send the money in an envelope labeled with your child’s first and last name, grade, and teacher’s name.

Birthday Treats

We love to celebrate birthdays with a treat. Feel free to send a treat on your child’s birthday. If your child celebrates their birthday during the summer months, feel free to send in a treat whenever it is convenient for you.

Classroom Parties

We will be celebrating holidays with a classroom party. If you are interested in getting involved, you can sign up for a parent volunteer. There is also a tab on our classroom website that I will be updating when volunteers are needed. I will be sending out information on these parties prior to the event!