

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Philosophy of Education

We believe children learn best when they are in a positive, nurturing environment that allows them to make choices and encourages them to accept both the benefits and consequences of those choices. We believe children should be provided opportunities to learn by risk taking, individual exploration, and cooperative grouping.

As a teacher, we envision our role first as a model, than as a facilitator who respects her students and strives to enhance their self-esteem. We plan to exhibit a positive attitude toward the learning and will maintain high expectations for my students. We will discipline students with warmth, consistency, and honesty.

Our classroom will furnish a safe, secure climate conducive to learning. Materials, resources, and lessons will be developmentally appropriate and offer students of all learning levels the opportunity to participate and succeed.

Our Personal Mission Statement

To respect and appreciate all children.

To encourage children's belief in themselves to be successful.

To create excitement in the learning process.

To support curiosity, flexible thinking, initiative and enthusiasm.

To meet each child where they are and guide them where they need to be.

Classroom Expectations

All Sunset Ridge and DVUSD expectations apply in the classroom.

We show respect for people and property.

We cooperate and work as a team.

We always do our best.

Classroom Discipline Model

Our classroom will have a hanging chart with 7 colors on it, for students to manipulate. Each student will have a clip with their name on it. Every day all clips will begin on **green**, middle of the chart, and throughout the day as children exhibit positive behavior that follows the 6 Pillars of Character they will be able to clip up. If students are making poor choices, they will move their clip down. Please remember that **green IS A GREAT DAY!!!** Do not lose sight of that! 😊

PINK- "outstanding" exceeded expectations & moved up 3 times!!!

PURPLE- “great job” exceeded expectations & moved up 2 times!!!

BLUE- “good day” exceeded expectations & moved up 1 time!!!

GREEN- “ready to learn” followed ALL expectations for the day!!! YAY!

YELLOW- “reminder” made a choice that was not appropriate for the classroom learning environment. Everyone in life needs reminders, so if the behavior stops, there are no additional consequences for this level.

ORANGE- “teacher’s choice” the teacher will determine an appropriate consequence for their action to rectify the situation. This could be a loss of privilege, writing an apology note, or whatever seems fit for that situation with that particular student.

RED- “parent contact” the student was consistently making poor choices that affected the learning environment. Parents will be contacted that day about their child’s behavior.

- If a child is on **ORANGE** or **RED**, they will fill out a Think Sheet. This should be reviewed by parents with the child, signed and returned the next day. If it is not returned the next day, loss of recess will result until it is turned in.
- Each time a child clips to **PINK** (outstanding) they will earn a jewel on their clip! They will also earn “currency”. Ex: computer time, lunch with the teacher, treasure box, sitting with our “Tommy the Turtle” stuffed animal, etc.
- Once they earn 5 jewels, their clip will be sent home and an award will be given to them!
- **At the end of each day, students will color in their own behavior charts with the color that their clip was on at the end of the day.** This calendar will then be sent home for parents to see and **return the next day**. If they had any significant problems during the day, your child will come home with a reflection sheet & a phone call or email home will be made.

*If your child ends his/her day on orange or red, they will complete a reflection sheet that will be sent home for you to sign & review with them. This will be documented as a minor incident on their individual behavior log in class.

CUT

Special Areas Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE	Art/Library	Art	Music	Art

***Please remember to wear tennis shoes on Monday for PE.

Take-Home Folder

Each student will have a take home folder. The take home folder is to be brought home every day and **returned to school the following day**. Be sure to check your child’s folder every night, this folder is our way to communicate important information or work done for the day. Please remember to sign your child’s behavior chart every night.

Assessments/Tests

Your child will be given weekly assessments in reading & spelling and a math assessment will be given at the end of the topic. These tests will be graded with a percentage grade and entered into the power schools grade book. The spelling assessment will be a dictated sentence test at the end of each week, not a traditional spelling test. Not all personal narratives will be graded. Writing assessments will be evaluated based on the six traits of writing for First Grade and a letter grade/percentage will be shown. Each quarter, the writing expectations will increase as students build their knowledge.

Media Center

We visit the library once a week and the children are encouraged to check out a book at this time. They are allowed to check out one book each week. The book is due back the following week. If your child wants more time with a book, they are welcome to renew it. Your child will not be able to check out another book until he/she brings their book back. If the book is lost or damaged, prompt reimbursement to the library for the book cost is greatly appreciated.

Lunch

You may send a packed lunch for your child, with his/her name clearly labeled. Or, you may have your child buy lunch at school. The price for hot lunch is \$2.50. If your child will be buying lunch, I recommend that you put money on the account before school in the cafeteria or through the website at www.ezschoollpay.com. You can put any amount of money on your child's account. When he/she buys lunch, the \$2.50 is deducted from the account in the computer. You may also choose to send a check with your child. Please make the check out to Sunset Ridge. I will make sure the cafeteria gets the check. ***If your child is allergic to anything, please let us know.***

Students should memorize their DVUSD Student ID number. It is used for the cafeteria, library, and computer lab.

Birthdays

Children are invited to bring treats to celebrate their birthday. All treats must be store bought, and arrive in their store package. It is appreciated that you include anything necessary to eat the treat. For example, if you send in cupcakes, please include napkins. NO cakes please.

Toys/Items from Home

Toys distract from instructional time and are not allowed at school. Your child will have an opportunity to have "Show and Tell" when they are the "Star of the Week." Please don't allow your child to bring toys or items from home in his/her backpack.

Supplies

Items on the list are optional, but will be greatly appreciated for enriching the learning environment. Most supplies will be community property, so it is appreciated that you **DO NOT LABEL any supplies**. We have limited storage space, so some items are being requested by name. We may ask for additional donations, as we run out of things. These donations are not meant to cause financial difficulties. Send in what you are comfortably able to supply.

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic Book Order forms will be sent home each month. Please consider ordering books for your child's home library. This is an excellent way to get your child excited about reading. Students love reading their very own books. We also earn points towards free classroom books with every order. You may order by sending in your payment with your child's order form in an envelope to the classroom or you can order online and pay with a credit card through a secure server. You may view the order forms online. Online orders will be sent to our classroom and students will bring their books home.

Communication

Notes, newsletters, and other reminders will be sent home periodically. Our classroom number is (623)445-7837. Calls are sent directly to voicemail during the day, but we will get back to you as soon as possible. If it is an emergency, please call the office directly. They are able to call the classroom with important messages. Email is the easiest way to contact us. Our email addresses are amy.rosenbaum@dvusd.org & jessica.tewers@dvusd.org. We generally check email throughout the day. If you are sending a note to us with your child, please place it in your child's take home folder. There is also information on our website, which is located on the Sunset Ridge Home Page.

Snack

There will be a 10 minute daily snack for your child each day. Each week a different child will **provide snacks for the week**. Please be looking for a **RED** half sheet coming home that will indicate that it is your week to provide for the class. If your child would like to bring in his/her own snack they may do so as well, but please make sure it is a healthy snack. Your child will only receive one snack per day. ☺

Thank you for sharing your child with us this year. We are looking forward to working with you and watching your child grow.

