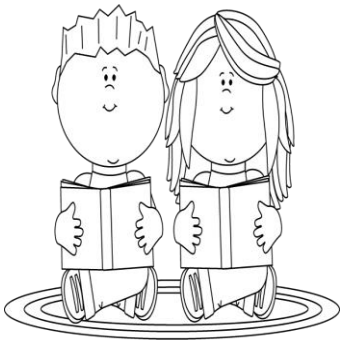

Parent Handbook

Ms. Norenberg's Class

Hello! My name is Ms. Norenberg and I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year! Although originally from Oregon, I have lived in Alaska for the last twelve years. I have been privileged to teach in various locations around the state and also internationally. This is my fourth year teaching in Sterling and I am honored to be part of such a wonderful team. You are a vital part of the team in your child's education and I look forward to working alongside you. Please never hesitate to contact me! Here's to a great school year!

Welcome!

Please do not hesitate to e-mail, call, or stop by and see me. Here at Sterling Elementary, we are using the REMIND app as a way to stay in contact with you this year. This is a great way to stay in touch about your child's progress and what we are doing in class via text. In order to join, please text the message @msn2nd3 to the number 81010.

My e-mail address is-vnorenberg@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

School Phone Number-(907) 262-4944

Contact Information

Your child will be receiving weekly homework starting after the Labor Day weekend. Homework will come home in your child's Red Folder each Monday. Your student will have Monday-Thursday to complete the work and then return it by Friday. Homework helps to reinforce concepts being taught in class. It also fosters responsibility in students.

Homework

This year we do not have the fresh fruits and veggies program that we have had in the past at school for snacks. Students are working hard each day and usually need a snack in the afternoon. If you are able, please send a snack to school with your child that they can eat during that time. ***We also really appreciate any donations of pre-sealed snacks that can be used for the whole class. If this is something you would be able to do, please find a list of things that work well below***. ☺

-Crackers/Goldfish Crackers
-Raisins/Dried fruit
-Dry Cereal
-Pretzels
-Cheese Balls
-Animal Crackers
-Popcorn
-Fruit Snacks

Snacks

First Morning Bell- 8:50
Specials (Gym and Music)-10:40-11:20
Lunch-11:45-12:15
Recess- 12:20-12:50

***We have library Monday afternoon. Please make sure your child brings back any books they have out so they can check out a new one.**

Note: Please make sure that students have gym shoes at school. It is important that they bring them so they can participate. Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle to have at school. This will be helpful to them both in the classroom and when they go to gym.

Lunch and Specials Schedule

We love having extra help in our classroom! There are always many tasks where a helping hand is much appreciated. Some of the immediate classroom needs are listed below.

-Copying/Laminating/Cutting things out
-Putting together Monday Folders
-Listening to students read
-Helping with art projects

The school district requires all volunteers to complete an online application. After approval, you will be able to volunteer at the school and in our classroom. The link is-https://www/kpbsd.k12.ak.us/
Click on the "Volunteer" tab and follow the directions to fill out the application. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.

Volunteering

One of the keywords in our classroom this year is RESPECT. It is expected that students will respect themselves, respect others, and respect the things around them. As we create our classroom culture, we are putting a lot of emphasis on kindness and leadership. Along with this, we will be working on the following school wide expectations as well.

-**Be Safe**

*Keep hands, feet, and body to self

*Use walking feet

-**Be Responsible**

*Clean up after yourself

*Be honest

*Finish your work

-Be Respectful

*Use kind words

*Use an indoor voice

*Listen while others are talking

Expectations

Each Monday your child will bring home a red "Monday Folder." One pocket will contain important papers that need to be returned to school and the other will contain papers to be left at home. Please remember to check this folder and send it back to school by Friday

Monday Folders