

August 23, 2017

Welcome Back!

It's great to be back in the classroom for a fresh new year of learning new things and meeting new friends. I look forward to this new school year at Bronte Elementary.

Our students are asked to be here by 8:00. No earlier unless they are eating breakfast (7:45), or they are here for tutoring. Also, they are encouraged to leave the campus as soon as school is out, unless staying for tutorials.

5th grade will be my homeroom this year. I will be the reading and writing teacher for 4th, 5th and 6th graders as well as computer education and Health. 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be departmentalized again. Mrs. Boyd teaches math, Mrs. Lee teaches science and 5th grade Social Studies, and I teach English and Reading. Changing classes throughout the day helps the transition into middle school/ Jr. High.

5th graders are in charge of raising the school flags every day of the school year. This is an important responsibility as it must be done in a dignified and respectful manner each morning. They must then be lowered each afternoon and put away correctly. Every 5th grade student must participate. Complaints from people watching our flagpoles while the students raise and lower the flags are taken very seriously by the administration.

Contact me through email* or phone** if any questions or problems arise. You can always check grades on TXGradebook. This is found on the Bronte ISD website. It is bronteisd.net. Call Laurie at the office to set up a password to see your student's grades. I will be sending home a parent letter each Monday. I will also call or email you if there are any problems at school. If I can't reach you by phone, I will send a note home. This is only if I can't resolve the discipline issue myself, first. My conference time is from 10:35-11:15. Teachers have been asked not to contact parents by texting on our phones or Facebook messaging, because Title One and the Technology Department here sometimes need to gather all the information shared between teacher and parent/guardian.

I will be going over procedures and expectations with the students today, and will reiterate them throughout this week. I was made aware of a program called ClassDojo. It is a very positive discipline program that rewards many good behaviors with points. It takes away points for negative behaviors, which are against class rules. I love that it is so positive (and I love that it's free☺). I will attempt to implement this program. The information is in your child's Longhorn Folder. I will be phasing out the past "clipboard" discipline chart, at least as it has been used in the past.

Fridays, we will be wearing our Maroon spirit shirts. As you know, Bronte school purchases these Longhorn shirts in the summer for you to buy the first week of school. We obtained their sizes from you in May. Please send \$10.00 the first week of school so that we can get your child the shirt that was sized for him/her in May. If you are new, we have a few extras. The class "A" Showdown Tournament is the first Friday of school and we all "maroon out" the gym☺

I look forward to working with your child this school year. Let's make this a fabulous fifth grade year!

Sincerely,
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