Welcome to our classroom! Please take a moment to review these classroom policies and procedures so I may work more effectively with you to help your child succeed this year. Thank you! ~ Mr. Gulka

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* Class Web Site: mrgulka.weebly.com

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* Contacting the Teacher:

gulka@4j.lane.edu or 541-790-6200

1. The Plan!

This year will be very similar to your child’s 4th grade experience. Teachers will departmentalize and will focus on one main subject area. Students will see all three teachers every day.

* Email

 I will send frequent emails and text alerts this year to keep you well informed. I use the district’s Synergy email system so please make sure your contact information is up to date in our office (Linda and Patti can help you). Please sign up for text alerts and reminders by sending a text to ***81010*** and type in ***@9c609f*** in the message. I’ve used Remind for a few years now. Parents love it!

* Website Passcodes

 Your child will have many website usernames and passcodes (4J District log-in, IXL, XtraMath, Spelling City, Weebly, and others). I will provide each student with a form to record the different usernames and passcodes for them to always keep in their binder. It’s incredibly helpful to record this information in a safe place at home.

* Class fee $15

Thank you so much for paying the class fee. Please be assured that the money will be spent on your child for rockets, field trips, and class activities that require extra supplies and a few class parties.

* Absences andTardiness:

Simply stated, students must be at school in order to succeed. Chronic absenteeism and tardiness is a large impediment to success. Sadly, I’ve witnessed students miss twenty five or thirty five school days and suffer academically. Please make every effort to get your student to school on time. Students are allowed in the classroom at 7:45. School begins promptly at 7:55. Late students must check in at the office. Tardy students must pick up a slip at the office to give to the teacher.

* Spelling:

I use a Word Roots Spelling & Vocabulary program. I’m a big believer in word roots study and have seen students benefit from this. All students in my class have access to [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com), a very nice online subscription spelling site.

* Sharing:

Students can *share* objects, photos, and toys on an informal basis. Please use discretion when allowing your student to bring items to school. **Toy guns or weapons are not allowed.** **I** **also ask that pets are not brought in for sharing.** Pets can be shown after school right at excusal time in front of the school.

* Trips during the year:

If you are planning on taking a trip during the school year, let me know in writing (helps with organization). Trips out of state sometimes offer a great opportunity for a student to create a photo journal that can be presented to the class. Students should continue to log into XtraMath and IXL. I will provide students with a pre made general schoolwork packet in lieu of assembling their future homework.

* Breakfast

Please be sure your child has a healthy breakfast before coming to school. Children do remarkably better with a full stomach. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria every morning from 7:30 - 7:50.

* Snacks

If your child needs a snack in the morning please send something nutritious in his/her backpack. There will be a set-aside snack time.

* Field Trips

All parents interested in volunteering for field trips **must** have filled out a 4J Background Check. The school district must do a background check on all adults in contact with students. Please do this far in advance of any trips. Find the link for the Background Check on the Gilham homepage.

* Volunteers:

I love having parent volunteers in the classroom. Please fill out a volunteer form and I’ll be in contact!

* Book Orders

Approximately once a month I will send home two to three Scholastic book orders - TAB, ARROW, and LUCKY. Our classroom earns points for the books ordered. I use the points toward purchasing books for the class library. Look for emails on how to order ONLINE using our classroom code: **GZWZC.**

* Discipline & Classroom Management:

Please read *Mr. Gulka’s Class Management Plan and Schoolwork info*.

* Friday Envelope

Every Friday I will send home a “Friday Envelope” filled with passed back work and paperwork from the office. Please look for this as it tends to hide at the bottom of backpacks. Have your child return the envelope on Monday morning. The very best way to stay informed is to make sure your contact information is up to date in the office and by signing up for the text alerts.

Thanks,

Brian