• The First 19 Days •

**The first nineteen days of school are crucial for your child’s yearlong success.** Why nineteen days? The first nineteen days completes the first four weeks of school (9/10 – 10/4). In the first four weeks my class rules are established, class procedures are explicitly taught (everything from taking roll to turning in schoolwork), and expectations for behavior and classwork are reinforced daily. Your child will organize a binder, be assigned the first of many logins and passwords, and will begin attending Specials (P.E.) and Reading Rotations (students switch classes for reading beginning 9/23). Students are expected to keep a Student Planner and be responsible for managing their schoolwork. If your child is responsible with schoolwork completion and is managing his/her own binder for the first four weeks he/she will be set for the rest of the year.

Parents, although it is your child’s responsibility to manage the schoolwork, it is my experience that if you are plugged into how things work at the very start then the rest of the year progresses more smoothly. Some things to keep in mind:

• Curriculum Night will have a different format this year and might look more like an open house (to be decided).

• I send home lots of newsletters and reminders via email. If you are not receiving them contact me. Have you signed up for Remind 101 yet? Send a text to **541-790-2956**. Text this message, “**@mrgulk**”

• My schoolwork routine is regular and very manageable. Schoolwork is assigned on Monday and due on Thursday (with a few exceptions).

• Computer based schoolwork is assigned each week (IXL, Spelling City, XtraMath).

• My website, <http://mrgulka.weebly.com> has a lot of resources for students and parents, such as background forms for volunteers, past parent letters, as well as a 5th grade calendar of events. Please take moment to check it out.

• Your child will have a different reading teachers throughout the year. Please get connected as quickly as possible (Susie Belnap or Alison Bumstead) once reading rotations begin on 9/23.

• By now I hope you have seen your child’s organized binder and signed the Student Planner.

Sincerely,

Brian