

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child to our fifth grade class at CTA – Liberty Campus. With all of us working together, it should be a rewarding and successful year. Since you as parents are an essential part of the educational process at our school, it is important that we maintain open communication throughout the year. Please feel free to contact your child's block 1 or block2 teacher if you have any concerns.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Individual Supplies:

- ✓ 2" 3-ring heavy duty binder with pockets
- ✓ 1 pack of tab dividers with 8 tabs
- ✓ 1 small pencil sharpener with lid
- ✓ 2 ballpoint pens (*red or blue*)
- ✓ Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of colored pens (for journaling)
- ✓ 1-2 boxes of #2 pencils (*Ticonderoga preferred*)
- ✓ 2 highlighters
- ✓ Large pencil pouch (*to be clipped into a 3 ring binder*)
- ✓ 4 wide rule composition notebooks
- ✓ 2 spiral wide rule notebooks (70 sheets each)
(*Only need 1 first day, leave other 1 at home for use in 3rd & 4th quarter*)
- ✓ 12" wooden or plastic ruler with a 3-hole punch (*to be clipped into a 3-ring binder*)
- ✓ Dry erase marker (*wide-tipped, low odor, black only please*)
- ✓ Dry board eraser (small) or an old, but clean, cloth for erasing whiteboards
- ✓ Backpack (*no wheels please* as they do not fit on back of student chairs and classrooms do not have the space to store them on a daily basis)

***Students are to use #2 six-sided pencils only.**

No mechanical pencils or round pencils are allowed in the classroom.

Shared Supplies:

- ✓ 3 reams of white copy paper
- ✓ 2 regular sized boxes of tissue (*to be shared with the class*)
- ✓ 3 reams of wide ruled paper (*to be shared with the class*)
- ✓ Glue stick or bottle
- ✓ Hand sanitizer

Additional items appreciated by the teacher:

- ✓ Dry erase markers (*black only*)
- ✓ White copy paper (*we can never have too much ☺*)
- ✓ 1 pack of lined index cards 3x5 in.
- ✓ Clorox wipes
- ✓ Ziplock bags (*gallon, quart, or sandwich*)
- ✓ Tissues (*we can never have too much ☺*)

READING BOOKS - Your child should bring an AR book to class every day. It is important that your child always have a reading book with him/her to read when assigned work has been completed.

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE PLAN -Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference! In our classroom it will be imperative to come to class with positive, hard-working attitude each day. Although each teacher has their own personal classroom behavior management plans and rules, all four of the teachers agree that they center on the same 4 simple principles that focus on having a positive attitude and demonstrates that ultimately you CARE.

C – COME TO CLASS PREPARED

A – ACT IN A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER

R – RESPECT AND BE CONSIDERATE OF SELF AND OTHERS

**E – EXERCISE RESPECT FOR SCHOOL PROPERTY AND THE
PERSONAL PROPERTY OF OTHERS**

Reinforcements for Appropriate Behavior – positive communication is used throughout the day to reinforce good behavior and reduce negative behavior. This number one priority is based on the belief that positive communication builds self-esteem and helps students become more confident, productive individuals.

1. Students will be praised!

2. Students will receive compliments!

3. Students will be encouraged to "CARE" and display Good Character.

Consequences:

1. **Redirection** ~ a positive and encouraging redirection to appropriate behavior.

2. **Verbal Warning** ~ direct verbal redirection to appropriate behavior and a number note in the agenda.

3. **Behavior Reflection** ~Redirection to appropriate behavior and **assigned a "Behavior Reflection"** to be completed, sent home, and returned.

4. **Office Referral** ~ if individual negative behavior continues after redirections, verbal warning, and completed Behavior Log, then the CTA-Liberty Elementary Discipline policy will be put into effect beginning with an office referral.

Behavior Logs - Each student will have an agenda that they utilize to record homework assignments on a daily basis. Additionally, on the weekly Friday sections of the agenda, students will create and maintain a behavior log. This log should be utilized as a daily communication piece about your child's behavior infractions, incomplete or no homework, and other missed responsibilities (such as Tuesday binder not being signed and returned on a weekly basis).

HOMEWORK POLICY – Homework is a vital part of your child's academic success at CTA- Liberty. It reinforces objectives taught in class, teaches responsibility, helps develop good study habits, and may help identify potential challenges. Students are expected to have their completed homework, ready to turn in at the beginning of each block. If a student does not have his/her homework, he/she will mark in their agenda and receive a zero for that day's homework points.

SHORT/LONG TERM ASSIGNMENTS – **ALL late assignments** will receive a maximum of a 50%. Therefore, it is imperative that we focus on working together to ensure academic success for all students. Long term assignments will be available on the website under long-term assignments and on classroom calendars. Please make sure that you register for Schoolwires and create E-Alerts for the calendar and long-term assignments pages so that you are aware of those important long term assignments. On a daily basis, your child will be responsible for recording homework assignments neatly in his/her agenda and then doing the best job possible to complete and turn in assignments on time. To assist your child in these responsibilities, please make homework a priority at home by providing the necessary supplies, creating a quiet study place and time, offering help if needed, and communicating any concerns to your child's teacher. Although we encourage parents checking for accuracy it is most imperative that you at least check your child's work for **completion**. Our hope is for students to take ownership and be accountable for checking their own work.

Tests and completed assignments will be sent home each week in your child's Tuesday Binder. Please take the time to look at them and sign the weekly sign-off page ensuring you have seen all of your child's graded assignments for the week. **CUSD expectation is that parents will be checking their child's grades on a regular basis by accessing the**

Infinite Campus Parent Portal (Please refer to your child's "About the Teacher" page on the website to sign-up for Infinite Campus Portal access). **It will be important for you to have access to Infinite Campus as no paper grade reports will be issued this year. All grades and academic progress will be communicated through the Infinite Campus Portal.**

Please review all of the above information with your student. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us. More information will be made on Curriculum Night. Please plan to attend in order to receive more in depth information about your child's 5th grade year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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