



Welcome to  
Mr. Clifford's Class

# Who is this guy?

- Eagle Scout
- Served in the U. S. Navy
- Bachelor of Arts – Behavioral Science
- Master of Science – Reading
- Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do
- Teacher for 23 years
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Reading Specialist
- Married with 2 children



# Communication

- 8:45! Students are tardy if they are not in the classroom!
- Website
- Daily Report (Key Learnings)
- Thursday Folders (review with student)
- Notes, email, and telephone\*\*
- Class Dojo
- Please email or call me!



# PRIDE – Purpose Respect Integrity Determination Empathy

- Positive Reinforcement
  - Games
  - Verbal praise
  - Table Points
  - Marble Jar
  - Notes/emails home
  - Free time/extra recess



# Other "Not so Great" Choices

- Consequences
  - Warning
  - Behavior Log
  - Pink Tickets \*\*\*How will you make a new choice next time?\*\*\* (please sign and return)
  - Detention (after school on Thursdays)

# Grading Policy

- Classwork, tests, quizzes, observations, homework, and projects.
- Effort, improvement, and enthusiasm grades.





# Grades-Achievement

A 94% - 100%

A- 90% - 93%

B+ 87% - 89%

B 84% - 86%

B- 80% - 83%

C+ 77% - 79%

C 74%-76%

C- 70%-73%

D+ 67% - 69%

D 64% - 66%

D- 60% - 63%

F 59% - below

Effort Grades	
<b>O</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>

# Common Core

- Scary??? ☺
- \*\*Online Smarter Balance Testing in the Spring\*\*
- Three Key Ideas...
  - Thinking Deeply
  - Integrating Learning
  - Showing How They Know



# "The Old Way"

- **$4089 \div 4$**

# The Common Core Way

**Which statement describes the quotient and remainder of the equation  $4089 \div 4$ ?**

$$4089 \div 4 =$$

- A. 4 divides into 4089 more than 100 times but less than 1000 times, and there is a remainder of 9
- B. 4 divides into 4089 more than 100 times but less than 1000 times, and there is a remainder of 1
- C. 4 divides into 4089 more than 1000 times, and there is a remainder of 9
- D. 4 divides into 4089 more than 1000 times, and there is a remainder of 1



# "The Old Way"

- Read the story about alligators and crocodiles. Answer the multiple choice questions that follow.

# The Common Core Way

- What can the reader infer about the similarities between crocs and gators? Use details from the passage in your answer.



# Standards/Topics of Instruction

- Standards-based curriculum (Common Core)
- Individualized instruction and development
- Timelines for Learning – February
  - Running Record/Accelerated Reader
  - Quality Spelling
  - Writing Rubric
  - Multiplication Fact Memorization – October 1st

# Reading

- Running Record Level

- 4.5 A/R by February 1<sup>st</sup>

- ◇ Reading Comprehension

- Daily instruction in comprehension strategies such as...

- ◇ Predicting
    - ◇ Questioning
    - ◇ Clarifying/monitoring reading
    - ◇ Making Connections
    - ◇ Summarizing



# Spelling

- Quality Spelling (134 words **and** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade words by February 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Bi-Weekly spelling tests based on patterns we are learning and not based on a list of words memorized
- Spelling in Daily Writing

# Writing

- Writing Rubric Scores
  - 4 Advanced
  - 3 At grade level \*\*\*
  - 2 Approaching grade level
  - 1 Below grade level

- ◇ COPS
  - Capitalization
  - Organization
  - Punctuation
  - Spelling

**Writing Focus**  
**Informational Writing**  
**Narrative**  
**Opinion Writing**



# Multiplication Fact Mastery

- Daily 30 second fact tests for practice
- Weekly 5 minute tests
  - \*\*Must achieve 100% accuracy by *OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>!!*
  - Lunch Lab if not achieving
- Flashcards
- Nightly study!!!
- Critical for future math success!

# PE

- Focus on fitness to prepare for Fifth Grade Physical Fitness Testing
- Usually on Mondays and Thursdays
- Appropriate dress (running shoes)
- No 100 Mile Club Daily



# Homework

- Independent
- Due daily at 8:45 a.m.
- One "freebie" per trimester
- At least 15 minutes of reading per night
- Study math flash cards nightly
- \*\*All late Homework, Classwork, and projects may receive  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit.



# Families



- Visits ☺
- Partnership
- Classroom/at home help
- \*\*Room Parent
- Sign up!!!
- Remind!!
- Classroom supplies



Thank you  
for coming!!!

