

**September 3, 2015**

**Room 302’s Expectations**

1. Be prompt and prepared: Complete your morning routine quietly.

2. Be polite.

3. Be RESPONSIBLE: Complete your afternoon routine quietly.

4. Be a friend.

5. Be productive. TRY your BEST, always!

Remember, “Mistakes are proof that you are TRYING.”

**Attendance:**

Attendance is key to success. If your child cannot be at school, you are welcome to call or email me and I will gather homework and make arrangements for it to be picked up. Please let me know as early in the day as possible. When your child is absent, please send an excuse to school within three days of his/her return to school.

**A Note of Welcome**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to 4th Grade! I am looking forward to an exciting year of teaching, learning, and achieving.

One of the best ways to ensure the success of your child is to maintain regular communication. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. You may leave a message at 724-962-8300 x3302, or send an email to [sgruitza@sasdpride.org](mailto:sgruitza@sasdpride.org). I also urge you to sign up for a free reminder service at [**remind.com/join/gruit**](https://www.remind.com/join/gruit). This free service allows me to easily send out quick text messages/emails to you as needed throughout the school year.

To encourage responsibility the school has provided an assignment book (agenda) that will be filled out daily. Your child must bring the agenda to and from school daily. Please check and sign your child’s agenda daily. Working together will help guarantee that your child is receiving the best education possible. Allowing your child to see that we are working together to create an open means of communication between home and school will encourage your child and create an effective support system.

I am so excited to get started! Remember, I am here to guide your child through a successful 4th grade experience. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to better assist you or your child in that effort!

**Welcome back!!**

**-Miss Gruitza**

**Specials…**

**A: Library**

**B: Computers**

**C: Art**

**D: Music**

**E: P.E**

**An Ideal Learning Environment:**

An ideal learning environment would include the following:

* A quiet, well-lighted place for your child to work
* A regular homework time
* Encouragement and support for your child’s efforts
* Someone to be available for questions

Remember that homework is your child’s responsibility!

**HOMEWORK Policy:**

Homework is considered guided practice. Guided practice (homework) that is not finished during class time needs to be completed at home and returned the next day unless otherwise noted. *Any incomplete homework will be completed during recess time.*

The purpose of homework is to reinforce and review the information and skills learned at school. It also has great value in teaching children responsibility and self-discipline. Other than some occasional help from an adult in studying for a test, it should be independent work. Parents/Guardians, however, do play an important role by emphasizing the importance of homework. Two major ways to do this are to set aside a specific time and place for homework and to track your child’s homework progress using agenda books provided by the school.