



THE NEVEU REVIEW



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Dear Parents,

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Welcome back to school!! I hope that this past summer was filled with fun, relaxing, memory-building moments! Even though I enjoyed my summer, I still look forward to September and seeing all of you. I believe that God has a wonderful year planned for all of us as we grow in Him.

As I prepare myself to step from my summer schedule, which tends to be more relaxed, into my school schedule, which necessitates routine and organization, I’m thinking about how I can make it a smooth transition. So I want to share with you some of the class routines and expectations I have.

THE NEWS

This is your first introduction to “THE NEVEU REVIEW!” Good news: It’s a “free” subscription!! Plus, you will receive it whether you order it or not!! All joking aside, this is an important way for me to communicate to you what we’re doing in our room as well as important up-coming events that you need to know about. You will be getting “THE NEVEU REVIEW” at the first of each month, packed with information you’ll want to know!

AWAY WE GO!!

Beginning Wednesday, September 1, our class schedule will begin to be in “full-swing.” The following are the days our class will have instruction time with our specialists:

Monday—P.E.

Tuesday—Music

Band (4th grade)

Wednesday—P.E. , Music

Thursday— Band (4th grade)

Friday—Chapel

Computers

Library

Our lunch is 11:35—12:00, followed by lunch recess from 12:00—12:30.

Enveloped (in love ♡)

Communication between home and school is vital to your child’s success in the classroom. To keep you informed and aware of what we’re doing, I will send home an envelope with papers and tests that your child has completed in all areas of the curriculum every Friday. (Notes and notices will also be included in the envelope.) **PLEASE** take time to review and discuss these papers and notes with your child. Then date and sign the form on your child’s envelope, keep the papers (unless otherwise noted,) and have your child return the empty envelope to me on the following school day (most of the time—Monday.)



Please note...

Does your child have their P.E. shoes at school already? These need to be clean tennis shoes that will stay at school all year, to be used only during indoor P.E. times. Our class’ P.E. will begin Wednesday, September 8th and all students will be required to have their shoes ready and at school.

Book Share Affair

Reading is an important part of life in our world, in our society, in our school and in our classroom. It's so easy to find one type of book that is fun and comfortable then miss out on trying different types of writing—or genre. To help our kids become familiar with the different genre of books that are available, each month they are assigned a genre that they must read at least one book from. Let me share how this will work.

The book needs to be of the **genre assigned** and **at least 50 pages** for 3rd grade, **at least 100 pages** for 4th grade, unless approved by me. Each month I will be teaching and assigning a form of reporting on the book they have read. These reports will be shared with the class on the assigned day at the end of the month. (The class has been divided into groups, one group usually will share each day. See the calendar for dates.) **This will be included as a part of their reading grade.**

Share Groups

Group I

Ariana Brozovich
Hannah Gilstad
Alexis Vander Pol
Alex Hollier
Kyle Lindquist

Group II

Benjamin Busselle
Elisabeth Hasz
Trevor Clute
McKenzie Hood
Sam Swanson

Group III

Katerina Colvin
Kayla Rosenkranz
Amanda Corner
Jonathan Hubbard
Jayden Talbott

Group IV

George Garcia
Corbin Smalley
Brandon Enns
Zane Kleinz
Chloe White



On the Book Shelf



For those of you who would like to have the “big picture of how our BOOK SHARE is laid out for the year, here is the plan:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Genre</u>	<u>Report</u>
September	Fiction	Commercial
October	Biography	Float or Character Can
November	Nonfiction	Poster
December	Folk Lore/ Folk Tales	Trading Cards
January	Science Fiction	Postcard
February	Historical Fiction	Book Cover
March	Poetry	Memorize Poem
April	Mystery	Puzzle
May	Fantasy/Animals	Seed Packet

**A reminder of the genre we will be focusing on for the month will be noted in the class calendar that I send home each month.

**The report style will be taught to the class at the beginning of the month with a sample to view available in the classroom.

**The reading will be done at home and as time allows during our class Silent Reading time. Be sure to bring your book to school every day!

**Your child may read books from home, from the public library, from your church's library, from our class library, etc.

****It must be a book not previously read or viewed as a movie!!**

Study Habits

One of my goals is to begin teaching your child some tools for good study habits. One form of doing this is the use of an assignment book. Each day your child will be writing down their assignments for the day. When they have completed and turned in that assignment they will mark it off. Each evening this assignment book is to be brought home for you to look at and initial or sign. In this way, you should be able to see not only if your child has any work to complete, but also what we are doing in school.

Another important part of developing good study habits is completing work on time. In our class, the students will have about 30 minutes of homework for 3rd grade, 40 minutes for 4th grade, each week night, except for Friday. The homework will consist of a short review assignment, work not completed during class time, reading, practicing their spelling words. When homework is not completed on time, the student will only be able to receive 70% for that assignment when it is turned in the following day.

Thank you for your consistent involvement in these areas!

Snack Time!!

Growing and learning is a lot of work! Your child is invited to bring a **“Power Snack”** to school to eat during our morning recess (9:45—10:00 am). A **“Power Snack”** is a snack that is high in nutrition and balances carbohydrates with proteins which will stabilize your child’s blood sugar level so that they will be able to do their best in school. **No candy bars, cookies, pop, donuts, chips, etc. for snack please.**

Some suggestions for a **“Power Snack”** are: fresh fruit, whole grain crackers, rice cakes with peanut butter, muffin, string cheese.



Memory Work

Each month I will be sharing in the “NEVEU REVIEW” the memory verses that we will be learning. Please have your child practice these with you.

This month we will be learning about our awesome God who loves us with an incredible love that never ends! We’ll be exploring just how this love impacts us in our daily life. The Bible passages we will be working to memorize are:

“The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” I Samuel 16:7 (b)

“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” I John 3:18

In addition to these verses for the month, we will be working on memorizing I Corinthians 13 this quarter.

We will be practicing these in the classroom. Please listen to your child recite them at home as well. At the end of the month each student will be writing them out for me, from memory.



HOST:

Help Our School Triumph!

Are you in search of a way to fulfill your HOST hours? Here are some areas where help is needed in our classroom. See me if you can help with any of these.

*Weekly scrub/disinfect class lunch trays

*Weekly sit with our class during chapel (while I play my guitar during worship) Friday mornings from 8:40—9:25



Motivating Moments

Being a parent and raising a child that is stable and able to succeed in life is a task that is overwhelming. It takes a lot of "team effort" to attempt to do it successfully. That is my goal. I want to team-up with you in your job of training your child. Here are five concepts that I will be striving to teach, along with important academic studies.

#1: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30)

When a close relationship with God is laid as a foundation, your child will be equipped emotionally and spiritually to handle many of the challenges that life has ahead. We will be learning the joy of living a life for Jesus, the importance of prayer, the importance of reading the Bible and about a God who is our Heavenly Father and loves us dearly.

#2: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

We are not in this world alone. We live with others and need to learn to live with others in a way that reflects God at work in our life. We will be learning the joy of meeting the needs of others, treating others with respect, kindness, unselfishness, and dealing with problems in a forgiving and understanding way.

#3: "Teach me to do Your will; for You are my God." (Psalm 143:10)

Learning to obey parents and the authorities placed over us is an important preparation for acknowledging our need to obey God (most important). We will be learning that obedience to authority is not a negative force, but a loving act for our protection.

#4: "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Is your child learning to be truthful and honest? Is your child learning about what "things" really matter in life and can't be taken away or lost? These are some of the important lessons that will be covered in our classroom.

#5: "But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . self-control." (Galatians 5:22,23)

There is a vast difference between self-worth and egotistical pride. Learning about the difference is something that we begin to work on in our classroom. We will be learning about controlling our impulses, learning to work and carry out responsibilities.



I look forward to getting to know each of you better this year! If you have any questions, you may call me at school after school hours (phone: 852-5145) or catch me after school. I am usually at school until at least 4:00.

In *His* service,

Mrs. Neven

Many thanks and praises are due!
We've got a microwave in
the class of Neveu!
Now as the weather begins to give us
cold hands and "feets,"
We'll be able to warm up to
home-made hot eats!
Please help us keep clean and
"spickity-spandy"
By only heating things that are **covered**
by plastic wrap or lids that are handy.
Since the microwave will be used by
several folk,
Keeping the prep time down to **two**
minutes will not be a joke!
And since the time is so short,
I'm afraid to say,
That popcorn and beverages
will be a nay.
So, as we welcome in fall and winter
weather with a cheer,
You'll know that warm food is also here!

