



# Our class News

August 2018

Mr. Olson's 4th Grade



I will be using REMIND.COM to send out reminders of things going on in our class.

To receive messages via text, text @olson18-19 to 81010. Or to receive messages via email, send A blank email to Olson18-19@mail.remind.com.

I have created a web page for our class where your child's stories will be posted for you to read. Please be sure to check out all the information on our site. This site will be updated monthly so be sure to check it often! Web address is listed at the bottom of this page.



## Welcome new 4th graders

I want to take this opportunity to welcome each and everyone of you to our classroom. This is your place to learn and grow in many new ways this year. We are going to be a community of learners that will help each other in every way possible so that everyone will feel welcome in this class. I encourage you to do your best and promise you that you will learn a lot this year!!!!

## Set your calendar

- Aug. 17th -Please have all school forms returned
- Aug. 23rd -PTSA Ice Cream Social
- Aug. 30th -Back to School Night (6:00 - 7:30pm)
- Sept. 3rd - Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Sept. 14 -PTSA -Pastries and Parents (7:30am)
- Sept. 17th -Minimum Day -Dismiss 12:37
- Sept. 27th -Field trip to Native American Historical Museum -Three Rivers
- Sept. 28th -Monthly Awards Assembly (9:30)



VISIT OUR CLASS WEBSITE FOR OUR YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Information cards

Several notes were sent home this last week. If you haven't yet, please read, fill out and return as soon as possible. The Current Health Information card is the most important. This is needed in case of emergencies. Please make sure you have a second or third contact person in case we can't reach you.

### CHICKEN FARM

A city slicker moves to the country and decides he's going to take up farming. He heads to the local co-op and tells the man, "Give me 100 baby chickens." The co-op man complies. A week later the man returns and says, "Give me 200 baby chickens." The co-op man complies. Again, a week later the man returns. This time he says, "Give me 500 baby chickens." "Wow!" the co-op man replies. "You must really be doing well!" "Naw," said the man with a sigh. "I'm either planting them too deep or to far apart!"

## The Key to success

This year promises a lot of learning. With your help at home (*reading each night with your child*) your child will show great improvements this coming year. With an extra 15 minutes a night reading or writing (above their normal homework time) you **WILL** see a difference.




Several times this year I will be sending home book club orders. This is a great way to build up a home library of books they are interested in reading (and a cheap way to do it.) There are always books that cost less than \$2.50 each. Your child also has the opportunity to check out classroom library books to read at home. Please make sure



these are returned by the end of each month.

*Please feel free to call me at school between 7:30am-3:30pm if you ever have any questions. 730-7798 I will return your call as soon as I can. You can also e-mail me anytime at: [solson@vusd.org](mailto:solson@vusd.org)*

# WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Neer and Berens, 1997)

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**