



# Our class News

August 2024

Mr. Olson's 4th Grade



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

1. If you have a smartphone, get push notifications: Open your web browser and go to the following link: [rmd.at/wg-mrolson](http://rmd.at/wg-mrolson) Follow instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.
2. If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications: Text the message: [@wg-mrolson](https://www.instagram.com/wg-mrolson) to the number 81010

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.

You can also scan this QR Code that will take you right to our class Remind



WELCOME NEW 4TH GRADERS

## Set your calendar

-Aug. 19th -Back to School Night (5:00 – 6:30pm)

-Aug. 23rd -Please have all school forms returned

-Sept. 2nd -Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

-Sept. 16th -Minimum Day -Dismiss 12:30



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!!!!

VISIT OUR CLASS WEBSITE FOR OUR YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Information cards

Several notes were sent home this 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 Scholastic Book 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-4:00pm 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.

(Nagy and Berzosa, 1997)

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

# KINDNESS CALENDAR

## August 2024

# Kindness matters!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Donate back to school items to students in need	<b>2</b> Write a family member a nice note	<b>3</b> Make your bed and help serve breakfast
<b>4</b> Help make dinner	<b>5</b> Make someone laugh	<b>6</b> Wash the dishes	<b>7</b> Draw someone a funny picture	<b>8</b> Do something helpful around the house	<b>9</b> Help your family with the laundry	<b>10</b> Write a thank you note to a health care worker
<b>11</b> Give yourself a compliment	<b>12</b> Tell someone they are awesome	<b>13</b> Think about what makes you special	<b>14</b> Offer to help a relative that lives with you	<b>15</b> Give out 5 compliments	<b>16</b> Tell a family member 3 things you love about them	<b>17</b> Help make lunch
<b>18</b> Write a thank you note to a first responder	<b>19</b> Smile at as many people as you can	<b>20</b> Write a gratitude list with a family member	<b>21</b> Tell a sibling or relative 3 things you like about them	<b>22</b> Go on a walk with a trusted adult and wave to at least 3 people	<b>23</b> Write a thank you note to a teacher	<b>24</b> Enjoy family time
<b>25</b> Make every bed in your house	<b>26</b> Do a favor without expecting anything in return	<b>27</b> Pick up trash around your neighborhood	<b>28</b> Call or FaceTime a relative you haven't spoken to in a while	<b>29</b> Hold the door open for someone	<b>30</b> Thank someone for being them	<b>31</b> Read a story to a younger relative