

# Mrs. Gilbertson's Class

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 8

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We had another productive week in classroom #8. Your students are steadily making the transition to their new grade levels. The transition to a new year is nothing to be taken lightly. I am very proud of how these young people have demonstrated their ability to be flexible and communicate their cares and concerns. You should all be very proud.

-Mrs. "G"

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- **Lunch Period:**

This year 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be eating lunch from 11:20 to 11:40. Recess will be from 11:40 to 12:00 along with 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This decision was made to distribute the student population evenly between the two lunch periods allowing for the best possible supervision of the children and adequate space in both the lunchroom and on the playground.

- **Specials and Orchestra:**

Specials will be in full swing starting on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The students are very excited. Orchestra (for those involved) will begin on September 10<sup>th</sup>. NOTE! There **will not** be Orchestra on **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. For a complete list of specials and their meeting times, check out the classroom website.

Monday = P.E. (Orchestra)

Tuesday = Music

Wednesday = Library (Orchestra)

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## Upcoming Events

### September 3

Labor Day Holiday

### September 4

4<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Project Due

### September 4

First Spelling Test

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## Thought Focus:

When each of us offers a small kindness to a neighbor, it can become a large blessing to the community.

## Idea:

Ask students about weekly student/teacher conferences and what they talked about this week.

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Thursday = Technology

Friday = Art and Mass (Orchestra)

- **Communication is Key!**

We are slowly adding content to our day. This week we felt a little overloaded at times. This is normal as we adjust to the new academic year. While it is normal, it is not my intention to have students grow frustrated. I applaud those parents and students willing to reach out and ask for help. We are a team and teams work together to find the best strategy for winning. Tuesday this week we had a class wide work day. The teamwork I saw in the classroom as students came together to discuss and explain concepts with each other was nothing short of incredible. The students worked so hard they were surprised when the lunch bell rang. This hard work was rewarded with some free academic game time on the chrome books in the afternoon. Way to go grades 4 and 5!!!

Keep communicating, checking those planners, and folders. It makes all the difference.

**Spelling Words-** *(The new spelling list will be sent home Tuesday after the first spelling test and will then be posted to the class website.)*

Due to the daily scheduling demands of orchestra, specials, and Mass, our spelling tests will be administered on Mondays. The first spelling test of the year will be held on **Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** following the Labor Day holiday. You will find the spelling words for both grades below.

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**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Words- List 1**

throat  
screen  
through  
scratch  
scream  
strange  
street  
strike  
square  
squeeze  
threat

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Words- List 1**

skinny  
crisp  
skeleton  
grasp  
task  
stopped  
skunk  
stumbled  
risk  
style  
brisk

thrown

thrill

scrub

skyscraper

strawberry

strength

squeal

squirm

squirt

(A.V. word) abbreviate

statue

spider

arrest

spilled

boast

wasp

suggest

spinach

adjust

(A.V. word) essential