

Mrs. Langton
2011-2012

All about Mrs. Langton

Mrs. Langton is beginning her fourth year at Meadowbrook Elementary. She taught pre-school for one year and then decided to move up to the older grades. She grew up in Smithville, Missouri and graduated from Smithville in 2003. She attended Missouri Western State University and graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Social Sciences in 2006. She was also married in October of 2007. In addition to her husband Luke, she has a daughter, Rylee who is 6 months old and a Boston Terrier dog named Oliver. In her free time Mrs. Langton enjoys fishing, swimming, shopping for good deals, and watching movies. I am very excited to be teaching your fourth grade students. I look forward to a great year.

Daily Expectations

Each student is expected to participate in all classroom activities. We will be working cooperatively on a daily basis.

Each student needs to be physically and mentally prepared each day. This includes getting a good night sleep, eating breakfast, and getting all homework completed before school begins. The student also needs to have a positive attitude. I feel if we have these components your child will have a successful year.

The best teachers are parents. Please talk with your child every evening. Any conversations you have with your child will reinforce the learning.

Thank you in advance for all the hard work you will put into your child's learning. Together, as a team, we can succeed.

Classroom Norms

These are our classroom rules. Every student is expected to follow these rules.

1. Always come into the room quietly
2. Always raise your hand
3. Always be SAFE
4. Always walk
5. Always keep your hands and body to yourself
6. Always LISTEN and follow directions
7. Always use supplies properly

Weekly Newsletter

I send home a weekly newsletter. This tells you what to expect that next week and what we are doing in class. It is also located on my Classroom Website. The website address is <http://w4.nkcsd.k12.mo.us/~alangton/>.

Attendance

Our classroom will be a busy and enriching place. I can't impress enough the importance of excellent attendance. A lot of our experiences will be hands on and group activities. These are obviously going to be hard for a student to make up. It is very important that the students get to school on time in the morning also. They have morning work to complete, and when they arrive late, they do not have adequate time to finish the work. If a student is going to be absent please let me know or the office.

Classroom Management

In our classroom we use a ticket system. The students receive ticket amounts for appropriate behavior. This is individually based. Every student is responsible for keeping track of their own tickets. Students have various rewards at different ticket amounts they can buy with their tickets. The rewards vary in prices. They can save their money for a higher reward or cash in for a lesser reward. We have weekly ticket redemptions every Friday.

Daily Items

Planners

Every student has a planner that Meadowbrook has supplied to them. Together, as a class, we daily write in our planners all the work we have done that day. They are responsible for taking that work home, completing the work, and bringing it to school the following day.

An expectation that I have for the students is to show you, the parents/guardians, their work every day. I ask for one parent/guardian signature in their planner. There is a space at the bottom of the day where you can sign. This is beneficial to me, so I can make sure that the students work is coming home, and you are aware of what your student is studying at school.

This is a daily expectation. If a student does not bring their planner to school they will not earn tickets. If a student does not have a signature the penalty is no ticket. Again, I ask for your cooperation.

Blue Folders

Every student has a blue plastic folder that Meadowbrook has supplied to them. This folder is sent home daily. This folder contains any work that has been graded, completed in class, notes from the teacher, or notes from the school. It is important to check this folder every day because there could be notes concerning events for the next day. I ask for the students to bring this folder every day. If a student does not bring their blue folder, they will not receive a ticket.

Homework

I do not believe in assigning work to take home. I believe that students need their time away from school. However, if there are assignments that the student has not completed in the given time throughout the day, they are to finish the work at home. I have arranged our schedule where the students are given adequate time to complete their work at school. It is their responsibility to use their time wisely and complete assignments. Any assignments that are taken home and not brought back the next day are considered "Late." The student will finish the work at his/her recess.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me anytime. I check my e-mail and voicemail frequently. I will try to get back with you as soon as possible. I prefer to be contacted by e-mail. Usually, I can get back to you more quickly with e-mail, because I have access to e-mail twenty four hours a day.

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