

Ripon Elementary

7th Grade Informational Packet 2019-2020

Mrs. Stevenson



About Mrs. Stevenson

- This will be my 19th year in teaching.
- I obtained my Bachelor's Degree, Teaching Credential, Administrative Credential and Master's Degree from CSU Stanislaus.
- When I am not at school, I stay busy working on home improvement projects with my husband, going camping or to the beach and lake with my family, and making memories with my children.

Classroom Rules and Expectations

- Be prepared and ready to learn when you walk through the door.
- Have all materials ready.
- Stay in your seat during instructional time.
- Pay attention, work quietly, do not disrupt others.
- Be respectful to everyone
- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Be organized....this includes your desk as well as your backpack.
- If you have a question, concern, or problem, see Mrs. Stevenson during a free moment....not during the middle of a lesson.

Discipline Policy

- Ripon Elementary uses the Love and Logic program as the basis for classroom management and discipline. This means that if/when issues arise in the classroom, I will usually attempt to help your student problem solve and come up with solutions to the issue, giving them a chance to correct problems before they become a larger issue.
- Students will be given a verbal warning for the majority of offenses. At times, a student may be asked to step outside to discuss their behavior with the teacher.
- If behaviors continue, consequences and loss of privileges/consequences/detentions may be necessary.
- Certain behaviors may require the immediate attention of the teacher/office staff and appropriate corresponding consequences.

Tardies & Absences

- Students are responsible for being at school, on time, ready to learn each and every day.
- If a student is tardy to class, they will be sent to the attendance office for a tardy slip. Ripon EI policy states that multiple tardies may result in detentions and suspensions to the student, so PLEASE be on-time!
- Any absent work must be made up when the student returns to class. It is the students' responsibility to make sure that they have obtained any missing assignments or work. All necessary papers for the day can be found in the "Black Absent Box." While there are enough copies for all students, I only make 6 "extra" copies of each assignment. If a student loses/misplaces their work, it is their responsibility to get an extra copy from the box, and when they're gone, they're gone!

Grading Policy

- Grading is the same for all core subjects. I will be using a traditional grading scale:
100-90=A 89-80=B 79-70=C 69-60=D 59 and below =F
- I will be sending home progress reports every few weeks with a signature note for parents to sign and return. Not only does this help you to know how your child is progressing, but it helps me to know that you are aware of how your child is doing in our classroom.
- Any assignments that are marked as a 69% or below may be done redone for higher credit. However, it is up to students to take on this responsibility - All redo's must be stapled to the original paper to receive credit.
- Missing assignments - I only make 6 extra copies of each assignment and when they are gone, they're gone! During the 1st Trimester – any missing assignment can be redone for full credit. During the 2nd Trimester, missing assignment redo's will be counted as 50% credit. During the 3rd Trimester – Missing assignment redos will NOT be accepted. This is to help prepare students for 8th grade.
- AERIES – You will be receiving a note tomorrow that will explain how to log in to the AERIES grading program. PLEASE utilize this tool. It will allow you to check your child's grades, tardies, absences, and other information. You can even set AERIES up so that the program will email you weekly progress reports! (I recommend Monday afternoons after 4 pm 😊)
- You can find links to AERIES on the Ripon1.com website or by typing this web address:
<https://ripon.asp.aeries.net/Student/LoginParent.aspx?page=default.aspx>

Homework Policy

- I will make EVERY effort to give students a chance to begin working on assignments in class in order to minimize homework.
- It is a student's responsibility to know what their homework is on a daily basis and to complete their assignments. I try very hard to make sure that I write each day's homework assignments on the board for students to see. All work should be submitted to the teacher on the due date.
- I am human and have children too....I understand that sometimes issues arise. Please let me know if there are circumstances/situations that will affect your child's ability to complete their work.

Agendas & Planners

- Agendas/Planners may be purchased from the school if students wish.
- Homework/Classwork assignments are written on the whiteboard daily.
- Agendas, our Weebly website and Google Classroom are great ways for your child to stay organized, connected, and involved. Please encourage them to utilize these tools when needed.
- If needed, I am willing to initial/sign agendas to help students and parents know about assignments. However, it is a student's responsibility to bring their agenda to me before the end of the school day.

Common Core

- These standards will be reflected in the SBAC testing that your child will be taking at the end of this school year.
- The standards are designed to prepare students for deeper understanding of topic, as well as provide critical thinking skills and success in the fast-paced future.
- The standards in their entirety can be found on the CA Department of Education's website. www.cde.ca.gov

ELA Curriculum

- We will be studying many different ideas in English Language Arts such as; Characters, Genre, Theme, Main Idea, Autobiography, Biography, Patterns in Literature, Poetry and Being a Critic and Citing Textual Evidence.
- We study a variety of writing genres as well. Students will be expected to write essays related to areas such as shorty story, autobiographical incident, narrative, persuasive, expository, research based, and response to literature.
- We use the Study Sync program, which has online and web-based capabilities as well as "hard copy" information. Your child will be given information on how to access their ELA program from home.
- We will be utilizing a weekly vocabulary program to help expand and grow students' academic vocabulary.
- In addition to our anthologies, we will be completing novel reviews, using various Core Literature texts

Social Studies Curriculum

- We will be using the Discovering Our Past – Medieval and Early Modern Times curriculum.
- Topics covered will include;
 - Roman Civilization, Islamic Civilization, Medieval Africa, China in the Middle Ages, Medieval Japan, Medieval Europe, The Renaissance, The Reformation, The Americas, The Age of Exploration, and The Enlightenment.
- In each of these areas, we will discuss how geography, technology, religion, trade, science and government affected culture and civilizations.
- Classwork/Homework will be given on a regular basis. I will do my best to make sure that students are given adequate time to complete their work in class, so that they have the opportunity to ask questions if they are unsure about a concept.

Chrome Books

- This year every student will be utilizing chromebooks to complete various activities and assignments in class.
- Students will be issued a google ID from the school district that they can use to access their Google Drive account.
- Google accounts can be accessed from home with the Google ID and password.
- Students are expected to be responsible with the technology that they are trusted to use. If a student has issues with appropriate behavior regarding technology, consequences may be deemed necessary, including the loss of technology privileges.

How Can You Help?

- Talk with your child every day! Ask them about the subjects they are learning. Have them describe a concept to you or give you more information about a topic! The best way to know what they are learning is to have them explain it to you!
- Encourage your child to read, every day! In 7th grade, students should be reading for AT LEAST 20-30 min. a night!
- Purchasing classroom supplies is not necessary, however if you would like to help out, we can always use tissue, cleaning wipes and hand sanitizer and binder paper!

Extras

- We will be having PE every Tuesday, Friday, and every other Wednesday. If you would like to purchase PE clothes for your child, order forms (and some clothing) are available tonight in the library. Students are expected to dress for PE and bring appropriate footwear that will allow them to participate.
- We will be utilizing Chrome books and Google Classroom throughout the year. Internet Agreements will go home with children tomorrow. PLEASE make sure that you and your child sign this document so that we can utilize this technology in the classroom.
- You can find important information from the school and classroom on our school and classroom website. (You can access our classroom website by clicking the staff link on the Ripon EI website and then clicking on my name.
- Every Friday is Spirit Day, don't forget to show your Indian Pride. Please sign up for the Ripon EI Remind. This is a great way to find out about school information and events.
- Visit our class Weebly page by clicking on the staff link on the RiponEI.com page and then clicking Mrs. Stevenson. Or type in the following web address: <http://stevensonriponel.weebly.com/>

Contact Info

- **The BEST way to reach me is through email: hstevenson@riponusd.net**
- Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. As I tell the students, I can't fix a problem if I don't know it exists. I will respond to phone messages and hand-written notes, but sometimes it takes a while. (At times, phone messages aren't given until the next day, and sometimes students forget to give me notes from their parents.) I'm looking forward to a great year!

**THANK YOU FOR BEING INVOLVED IN YOUR
CHILD'S EDUCATION!**



Please use this space to write down anything that you think I should know about yourself (students) or your child (parents/guardians) in order to help us work together. If there isn't anything you would like to share, please just sign below.

Students and Parents/Guardians; Please sign in the space below, acknowledging that you are aware of the expectations for Mrs. Stevenson's 7th grade classroom.

I have read and am aware of the information contained in Mrs. Stevenson's, Ripon Elementary 7th Grade informational packet for the 2018-2019 School year.

X _____
Student Name Printed

X _____
Parent/Guardian Name Printed

X _____
Student Signature

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

Additional Parent/Guardian (Optional) Contact Info:

The best way to reach me is through (Please circle one): cell phone, home phone, work phone, email, notes home, other

Here is the information (numbers/address) to contact me: