

August 19, 2024

Dear Parents and Students,

Summer vacation has gone by so fast, August is here and that means it's time for school to start! I hope you had a fun and exciting summer. I know that I am very excited about this new school year. My name is Ms. Matheson and I will be your fourth grade teacher this year. We will have fun learning so many things together this year, so I hope you are ready!

Let me tell you about myself. I attended the University of Utah, where I received my Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies with a minor in Communication. I spent 6 years working with Students with Learning Disabilities before becoming a teacher. I have spent the last 10 years teaching 3rd, 5th, and 6th grade. This is my 5th year teaching here at Monte Vista. I am currently back at the University of Utah working on my master's degree this year as well. I was born in California but grew up here in beautiful Utah. I enjoy many different types of activities and events such as crafting, biking, river rafting, hiking, concerts, plays, movies, reading, playing card and board games and of course spending time with my family and friends. I have six siblings, 17 nieces and nephews. I enjoy having a lot of fun with my large family.

I have worked on many different goals throughout my life in various avenues. I think that working hard is a valuable skill to have and allows you to discover and learn new things. I enjoy all the little things we learn along the way to reaching our big goals in life. I look forward to getting to know you and to help you work hard to achieve success this year.

Some items of information:

- **Weekly Planner-**
Look for it every Monday! (or the first day of the week). Purpose: Identifies topics, concepts, homework, tests/quizzes, etc. for the week... This needs to be kept in the homework folder, which comes back every day. This will be a major form of communication for us.
- **Weekly Homework-**
On the back of every Planner, there will be daily questions to complete and be turned in by Friday of that week. These questions will mostly be Literature, but from time to time there will be Math as well. Please work on these questions every week and make sure they get turned in.
- **Blue Folder-**
This is our Homework folder. Every student has the same folder, please do not get a separate one. This is where you will find work sent home, notes, and project assignments This is also where students will keep their Weekly planner. This folder helps to teach executive function, to help teach responsibility, and to take ownership of their school work. Please help to make the use of this folder a regular practice.
- **Emails-**
Please watch your emails throughout the year. I will send reminders and updates here as well. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns as we go through the year together. You can also try the ParentSquare app.

Now I want to know about all of my new students. I would love for each of the students fill out the 'Get to Know you' page to tell me all about yourselves. Bring it to school with you the first week. Tell me about your family, your favorite things, what you like and dislike about school, what you are excited about, and anything else you can think of. I cannot wait to hear from all of you. I look forward to a great year. Welcome to Fourth Grade!

Sincerely,

Ms. Matheson

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