

BEHAVIOR POLICY

A HUSKY PRIDE SUPER CITIZEN:

1. Completes work in a reasonable time frame
2. Stays on task
3. Works well with others
4. Treats others with respect
5. Listens to and follows directions
6. Accepts and fulfills responsibilities
7. Follow school and classroom rules
8. Demonstrates appropriate grade-level behavior

Citizenship grades:

0-4 marks in a nine weeks = E

5-8 marks in a nine weeks= S

9-13 marks in a nine weeks= N

14+ marks in a nine weeks = U

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ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Attendance is a promotion standard at every grade level.
2. Students are busy learning from 7:30 - 2:50.
3. Each absence requires a note that includes the date and reason for the absence.
4. After 10 parent notes, doctor notes are required.
5. For more information, please contact our Mr. Sandoval, our Vice-Principal.

GRADING POLICY

1. 4th grade standards and TEKS will be graded.
2. Grades will be given after the standard/TEK has been taught and practiced for an appropriate time and mastery is expected. Reteach will be given as necessary.

Grades are based on percentages

3. Classwork-60%
4. Assessments and Projects-40%
5. When a child does not do well on a graded assignment, they will have the opportunity to “redo” that assignment for a better grade. (please see the redo-assignment policy for guidelines)
6. Grades will be updated weekly on Parent Connection
7. Assignments will come home in Friday folders.

REDO POLICY

1. Each student will be allowed 2 “redo” assignments per subject area per nine weeks.
2. When a child does not do well on a graded assignment, they will have the opportunity to “redo” that assignment for a better grade.
3. Students will have 2 school days to redo the assignment during the school day (during daily recess and/or Friday bonus recess).
4. An average of the original assignment and the “redo” assignment will be posted in the gradebook.

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HOMWORK POLICY

A student should spend approximately 40 minutes a night working on homework assignments.

Math and Reading homework will be assigned Monday-Thursday. It is due on Friday.

Students are also expected to complete literacy station/extension work daily in class. Students will be given ample time to complete the activities in class if they use their time wisely. Unfinished station/extension work, will be taken home as homework.

Scarborough Huskies are expected to read 20 minutes nightly in addition to their regularly assigned homework, which amounts to 80 minutes a week. iStation Reading gives students valuable practice and counts as their 20 minutes of nightly reading.

It is vital that students are fluent with the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. These should be practiced nightly. Four Think Through Math lessons should be completed each week.

Log in information for iStation and Think Through Math will be sent home as soon as it becomes available.

Because of extra-curricular activities and various families' schedule, I do allow some flexibility with the reading log. Therefore, I will only check the homework log on Friday mornings to see that the 80 minutes of Reading and 4 TTM lessons were completed. This way, the 80 minutes of reading and 4 TTM lessons can be completed at any time during the school week or the weekend. If homework is not completed, it will be recorded on the student's behavior calendar.

Each student is responsible for obtaining a parent signature every day of the school week in their agenda.

BONUS RECESS POLICY

Maximizing your child's learning experience and developing positive socialization with peers and adults are two of our top priorities here at Scarborough. One area we feel maximizes that learning is respectful behavior in the classroom and around the building. Students have the opportunity every week to earn an extra 20 minute recess on Friday afternoon in addition to their regular recess that day.

Each week, the classroom teacher will look at each student's behavior calendar to see if any infractions occurred during the week. For a student to be eligible for the 20-minute bonus recess on Friday, the student must NOT have received any infractions for the week, **and** they must have their behavior calendar signed from the previous week.

If the student DID receive an infraction that week, they did not meet the reward recess criteria for that week, so they will attend a 20 minute study hall on that particular Friday. Again, students do have an opportunity each week to try and earn the reward recess.

We feel that by rewarding students for **consistent positive behavior** that it will heighten the learning and positive interaction that is done each day in the classroom.

SNACK POLICY

Below is an approved snack list.

The snack **MUST** be on the list in order for your child to eat it during the designated snack time. If your child brings a snack that is not on the approved list, then they will not be allowed to eat it until lunch.

APPROVED SNACK ITEMS

Fruits and Veggies
Peanut butter
Crackers
Pretzels
Granola bars
Cereal bars/Dry Cereal/Pop Tarts
Yogurt(bring a disposable spoon)
Beef Jerky
Trail Mix
Cheese (cubes, string, etc.)

If snack time interferes with learning time, snack time will be stopped.

WATER BOTTLES

Your child may also bring in a water bottle to have at their desk during the day that meets these guidelines.

- Plastic Bottle---not as loud if it falls on the floor
- "Pop-top" lid----opens and closes easily to prevent spilling
- Water bottle contains only pure water--- flavored drinks or drink flavor packets are not allowed in the classroom

Brain research indicates that being hydrated gives people more potential to think clearly. The best way to hydrate is with **PURE** water. Please encourage your child to bring water, as the water fountain is not near the classroom and drink breaks will be taken as a class at scheduled times.

STAAR TESTING

STAAR testing happens 3 times in 4th grade:

March 28: STAAR Writing

May 8: STAAR Math

May 9: STAAR Reading

STAAR is not a promotion standard for 4th grade, however, data obtained from your student's STAAR scores help our 5th grade teachers plan for your student because STAAR is a promotion standard in 5th grade. Please do not plan appointments or trips on STAAR testing days.

Dress Code

- Shorts and skirts may be no shorter than four inches above the knee.
- Students violating the NISD dress code will be sent to the front office where they will call home for a change of clothes.
- Students are encouraged to show their Husky pride by wearing the Scarborough spirit shirt on Friday's. Spirit shirts may be purchased from the front office.

Before school

The building opens at 7:00. For student safety please do not drop off children earlier. Fourth grade students are to wait in the gym. Students are expected to read or work on math facts while they wait.

After school

If you need to change your child's method of transportation contact the front office (397-8000) before 2:00 p.m. You can send me changes via Class Dojo by 2:40.

Toys/Gadgets/Dangerous Weapons

Toys, stuffed animals, electronics and/or playground equipment may not be brought to school. Your child is always encouraged to bring books to read. No one may bring a weapon or toy item associated with weapons for any reason any time. Fireworks,

firecrackers, or poppers may never be brought to school. Please seriously review all of the above with your child.

Cell phones and tablets

As the year goes on, opportunities for the use of cell phones and tablets will be happen on a daily basis in class. They are not required, but will be useful to your student. A permission slip will be sent home before we begin using them to enhance learning experiences.

I understand that students carry cell phones for safety reasons (particularly those who walk home after school). Students are to remain set to silent or turned off in the student back pack. Students are responsible for their personal technology.

Birthday celebrations

To celebrate your student's birthday store purchased cupcakes may be distributed the last 10 minutes of the school day. Contact me for more info.