

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is very exciting to be starting a new school year at Pinedale Elementary. I feel very privileged to be able to work with your child. My hopes and dreams for this school year are that we are able to build a classroom community that is a team, in which we are able to learn from one another each day. I hope that each child in my room leaves each day learning something they did not know they day before. Finally, I hope that all students and their families feel welcome and important in my classroom.

This is my tenth year teaching. I have taught at several schools in the Rapid City Area School District, and it is very exciting to have landed at Pinedale. I received my teaching degree from Northern State University in 2005, and then got my Master's degree in 2009 from the University of Sioux Falls. It is my belief that to be a strong teacher one must continue to learn and grow. I take classes ever year to improve my abilities to provide the best possible education for your children.

Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my husband and daughter. MacKenzie is three years old and filled with sass and energy. We have seen Frozen nearly a thousand times. Our family also enjoys sports and music. Yes, we are still Broncos fans, even after that Superbowl.

The rest of the folder is filled with information that may come in handy throughout the year; please take the opportunity to review it as it may answer some of your questions. Again thank you for the chance to work with your child this year, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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## Parental Support

As a parent, your role in our classroom is extremely important. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns. I will try to communicate the happenings of our classroom with you often. One way we will communicate on a daily basis is with the daily planners, please plan to sign these planner each evening. On a weekly basis you will receive the Friday folder filled with information about happenings in the area. Monthly there will be a class newsletter of what we are working on in each subject area. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. We will also be looking for two "Room Parents" we will be in charge of planning our class parties and reaching out to other parents who are willing to donate drinks and other such items. Please let me know if you are interested!

## Classroom Rules

We will be constructing our classroom rules together during the first week of school. I will send them home as soon as we have them written so that you have an idea of the expectations the students and I agree upon. Filling out the "Hopes and Dreams" page included in this folder will help us complete this process. Please have them return it to the classroom on the first day of school.

## Schedule

Our day begins each day at 8:00am. It ends at 2:50pm each day, except Wednesdays in which we have early release days. These dates are available in the office or online at [www.rcas.org](http://www.rcas.org).

Monday ~ Music

Wednesday - PE

Thursday - Music

PE

Information Media Specialist

Friday - Information Media Specialist



## Integrated Studies

Integrated studies includes science, social studies, and health. As a 5<sup>th</sup> grade we have decided to departmentalize these subject areas in order to better prepare students for the variety of teachers they will see in middle school. Mr. Foley will be teaching social studies, Mrs. Miller will teach science, and I will teach poetry for the first half of the year, and health for the second half.

## Dismissal

All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will exit the building on the southern end of the school, near the basketball courts. They are then to go straight to their after school destination. Please contact me with an email, note, or phone call if the student is doing something outside of their normal routine so that I know they are headed in the right direction.

## Homework

Students will have homework each night, except Wednesday. They are responsible for returning that work the very next day. It should all be practice and review for the students. If you notice that your child is taking longer than a 30 minutes to complete the homework and 20 minutes of nightly reading please let me know so that I can find something that will work better for them.

## Class Newsletter

Each month I will be sending out a class newsletter to update you on the events and happenings of our classroom. It will include what we are working on in all academic subjects. This newsletter will go home in the Friday Folder mid-month.

## Class Blog

I have a blog in which I will be posting about some of the projects and activities that we work on in our classroom. If you would like to view this blog to get a better idea of what is happening in the classroom visit [www.campbellscoolclass.weebly.com](http://www.campbellscoolclass.weebly.com).

Please take a moment to complete the following form and return to school:

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please take a moment to think of what you hope and dream for your child this school year and into the future of their lives. If you can provide two or three things that you hope or dream for your child it would be greatly appreciated.



I hope ... \_\_\_\_\_

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My child loves to...

As a family, we enjoy...

As a parent, I appreciate when my child's teachers...

My child learns best by...

My child's strengths in school are...

My child struggles with...

The best times and way to reach me...

E-mail:

Phone: