

Things to Know to be a Successful Plover

Schedule:

- ✓ Doors open at 8:35. You need to put away your belongings and be in the room by 8:50.
- ✓ School is dismissed at 3:20. On Fridays, school is dismissed at 1:05.
 - If you are NOT self-release, you will need to stay with the class until I see your parent pick you up.
- ✓ We have Art on Monday and Tuesday, Out & About on Wednesday, and PE on Friday.
 - For **PE on Friday**, wear athletic shoes and clothing that will allow you to be active.
 - For **Out & About on Wednesday**, you must wear or bring appropriate footwear (athletic shoes or rain boots, depending on the weather) and a jacket.

Project Focus: Story Telling and Adventure

- ✓ This year, Level 2 will cover the following social studies and science content areas:
 - Oregon History
 - Earthquakes and Natural Disasters
 - Outdoor Adventure and Survival

Library Visits and Cards:

- ✓ We will go to the Forest Grove Public Library every 3 weeks to check out books.
 - If you want to take your library books home, you will need your own library card.

Homework:

- ✓ All Level 2 students will have weekly homework, which is due on Thursday.
- ✓ Your most important homework is to read as much as you can! I hope you will spend at least 20 minutes reading every day.
- ✓ Every week, your math homework is to complete at least 30 minutes of math practice. We will be using IXL.com this year for math practice and I will suggest skills for you to focus on in the classroom newsletter.
- ✓ If your homework is not completed by Thursday morning, you will need to complete it during Academic Choice.

Food:

- ✓ You may bring snacks for the morning and afternoon. They should be easy to eat!
 - Parents, I would like to keep a small supply of extra snacks in the classroom.
Donations of crackers, pretzels, granola bars and raisins would be appreciated.
- ✓ There is no lunchtime on Fridays because of the early release. Bring a snack!
- ✓ Please keep in mind the amount of waste your lunch produces. We have plastic, paper, and glass recycling, as well as a compost container, in our classroom.
- ✓ On your **birthday**, you may bring in a healthy snack for the class. Please no sweets.

Electronics Policy:

- ✓ At Level 2, electronics are NOT allowed during the school day. Cell phones and other electronic devices (DS, iPods, etc.) should be left at home or stay in your school bag.
 - Parents, please call the FGCS Office to get ahold of your student.

Absences:

- ✓ Due to the hands-on nature of FGCS, it can be hard to make up missed work.
- ✓ If you have a trip planned, please let me (and the office) know as soon as possible. This will give me time to plan for your missed work.
- ✓ If you miss school because you are sick, talk to me once you return to find out what work you need to make up. You may need to complete missed work at home with your parents.

Communication

- ✓ Classroom news, current homework assignments, photos and a schedule of upcoming events will be located on our class website: <http://theploverportal.weebly.com/>
- ✓ I will post volunteer opportunities, including needs for Out & About chaperones and Friday community breakfast donations, on VolunteerSpot.com
- ✓ We will be using an online tool called **Class Dojo** to help build scholarship habits. Class Dojo allows me to track behavior throughout the day.
 - Parents will receive a behavior report from Class Dojo by email every Friday.
- ✓ Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Parents and students can e-mail me at I.harley@fgcschool.org. You can also leave a message on the class phone or arrange for a time to meet before or after school.