

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 ride the bus, your parents need to notify the office of any changes.
 - If you are NOT self-release, you will need to stay with the class until I see your parent.
 - Parents, please pick up promptly at 3:20 or call the office if you will be late.
- ✓ We have Art on Monday and Tuesday, Out & About on Wednesday, and PE on Friday.
 - For **Out & About on Wednesday**, you must wear or bring appropriate footwear (athletic shoes or rain boots, depending on the weather) and a jacket.
 - For **PE on Friday**, wear athletic shoes and clothing that will allow you to be active.

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 for family members, including Out & About chaperones and Friday community breakfast donations, on SignUp.com
- ✓ Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Parents and students can e-mail me at l.harley@fgcschool.org. You can also leave a message on the class phone or arrange for a time to meet before or after school.

Weekly Homework

- ✓ Your most important homework is to read as much as you can! A good goal is at least 20-30 minutes of reading every day.
- ✓ Every week, your math homework is to complete at least 30 minutes of math practice.
 - We will provide an online option for math homework, but you can also choose to practice at home with other math games, worksheets and family activities. There will be more information about math homework coming soon in the weekly newsletters!
- ✓ Level 2 students have typing homework to help develop keyboarding skills for writing. Please practice at least 20 minutes per week on Typing.com, and use our classroom code **PloversHW** so I can see when you've completed your work.

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.
- ✓ If we have an all-day Out & About, students who signed up for a school lunch will receive a sack lunch with a sandwich instead of the hot meal.
- ✓ 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. Because we have often have students with food allergies, fresh fruit is preferred. Please, no sweets.

Library Visits and Cards:

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

Absences:

- ✓ Due to the project-based focus at 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.

Electronics Policy:

- ✓ At Level 2, electronics are NOT allowed during the school day. Cell phones and other electronic devices (tablets, games, smart watches) should be left at home.
 - Parents, please call the FGCS Office to get ahold of your student.

Project Focus: Problem Solving

- ✓ This year, Level 2 will cover the following social studies and science content areas:
 - Oregon History
 - Storytelling, Folk Tales and Fairy Tales
 - Earthquakes, Natural Disasters and Outdoor Adventures