

West Elementary **Enrichment Information Packet**

Parents:

Please read the following packet carefully, as it includes all the information you need pertaining to the Enrichment areas: Art, Music and Physical Education.

Please keep the packet, and complete and return this page by Friday, September 4th. By doing so, you're letting us know you have read our classroom expectations and guidelines, as well as our grading policies.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and fun with the students of West Elementary!

Student Name _____

Grade and Teacher _____

Parent Name Printed _____

Parent Phone Number _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Signature _____

West Elementary Enrichment Classes

Encouraging Creativity, Fair Competition, and Successful Performance

As the Enrichment Team at West Elementary, we are working together to create an atmosphere that will truly enrich each child's educational experience, through Art, Music, and Physical Education. Students receive two grades from each Enrichment classroom: an academic and a citizenship grade.

Academic Grading Policies are the same throughout the Enrichment classes. Each teacher takes these policies and creates assessments for grading in their class:

E	Excellent	Exceeds the standards given and performs above the expected level
S	Satisfactory	Meets the standards given and performs at the expected level
N	Needs Improvement	Just below the expected level of performance
U	Unsatisfactory	Below the expected level of performance

The Enrichment Team believes it is our job to create a desire to excel in each area. Satisfactory is not a 'B', but rather a positive grade to indicate the student is meeting the class' expectations.

Citizenship Grades, while different for each class, are based on the same classroom expectations:

- 1 Follow directions the first time given**
- 2 Keep hands, feet, objects and negative comments to yourself**
- 3 Respect classmates and teachers**
- 4 Use classroom materials and equipment properly and only with permission.**

Each Enrichment teacher will utilize a Discipline Book to document changes in citizenship grades. With each change, you will receive a progress report to keep you up to date.

The Enrichment Team is excited to work with all First through Sixth Grade students at West Elementary! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by phone (682) 867-0100 or by email.

Go Knights!

**Lindsay Whittenberg, Art
Michelle Converse, Art Asst.**

**Amber Cannon, Music
Debbie Stein, Music Asst.
Nathan Keefer, Strings
Megan Czerwieski, Band**

Jason Lake, PE

West Music

Welcome to another fun year in West Music! Our students continue to amaze me with their musical talents on a daily basis and I can't wait to see what they accomplish this year! I believe the study of music truly enhances and enriches our lives and it is my goal to help your student explore the art of music and cultivate a lifelong appreciation and love for music.

Classroom Objectives

The West Elementary Music Classroom will be busy developing skills in the following areas:

- **Musical Literacy – Reading and Writing Music**
- **Rhythm, Beat and Movement**
- **Playing Classroom Instruments**
- **Correct Singing Technique**
- **Listening and Learning about Musical Literature and it's Composers**

Assessments

These concepts will be taught and assessed on a daily basis through:

- **Classroom Performance**
- **Worksheets and Quizzes**
- **Individual and Class Projects**

Throughout the year, students will have many opportunities to perform both in classroom settings as well as larger settings. The work from the Music classroom, as well as the work of individual ensembles, like West Singers, come together for these performances. Please keep your eyes and ears open for that information as performance opportunities arise!

If at any time you have questions or concerns about Music, please feel free to contact me. I've listed both my email and phone number below.

I look forward to helping your student develop creativity and enrich their lives through their knowledge and love of music!

**Amber Cannon
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West Physical Education

Welcome to an exciting school year at West Elementary. As this new school year begins, I would like to remind you about the importance of your child's physical activity education. One of my goals this year in PE is to actively engage students in sufficient amounts of physical activity to improve and/or maintain their physical health and well being.

Classroom Objectives

Physical Education is a process of learning skills, acquiring knowledge, and developing attitudes through movement. Your student will have a wide variety of movement experiences to help develop his/her motor, personal and social skills. We will encourage students to apply the knowledge and skills they acquire during class and seek opportunities to be active outside of school, as part of a healthy lifestyle. Our goal is to have fun, play hard, work together, and get fit!

Please remind your child to dress appropriately for PE. For comfort and safety purposes, your student will need appropriate footwear to participate during PE. Please provide your student with a pair of shoes that can be used in the gym with non-marking soles. Please avoid high platform, clog-like tennis shoes or sandals with no back, as they can be a safety hazard. In order to provide the best possible experience for your child, we must all work together as a team!

Physical activity must be done regularly to achieve health benefits. Therefore, your child's participation is very important. If he/she is sick, or unable to participate in all activities, please let Ms. Garcia, the school nurse, know via doctor's note or phone call. We work together to keep students as active as possible! If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation. I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

**Jason Lake
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West Art

Welcome to a new school year at West Elementary. We had an exceptional year in 2008-2009 and I know we will continue to do so this year! I have been truly inspired by all of the artistic talent I have seen in the Art room.

Classroom Objectives

In the Art room, we focus on developing the skills from the following areas:

- **Elements of Art: Line, Shape, Form, Space, Texture, Color and Value**
- **Principles of Art: Movement, Unity, Variety, Balance, Emphasis, Contrast, Proportion and Rhythm**

Assessments

These concepts will be taught and assessed on a daily basis through:

- **Critiques – Personal, Peer and Teacher**
 - **This will provide an opportunity for students to exercise their critical eye in viewing their own art as well as the works of others**
- **Classroom Performance**
- **Quizzes and Worksheets**

Students will be eligible to have their art shown throughout the state this year; however, spots are very limited. Students who are chosen will be those that have displayed both outstanding Artistic Achievements and Outstanding Citizenship. You never know when your child may get selected!

I look forward to working with your students and taking their talents to the next level!

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"I tell you, the more I think, the more I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people." - Vincent van Gogh