

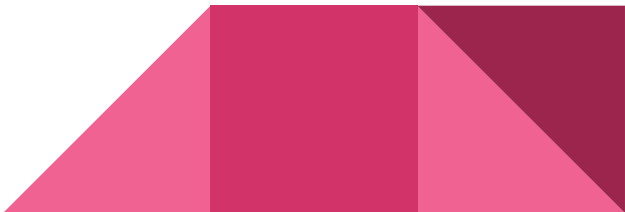


Welcome to Back-to-School Night

2019-2020



Before We Really Begin:

- Please sign in that you are here today
 - Please sign up for PTC
 - Please turn in all back-to-school forms unless you already did it
 - Handbook
 - Transportation
 - Demographics (printed from Aeries)
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The Teacher (that's me!)

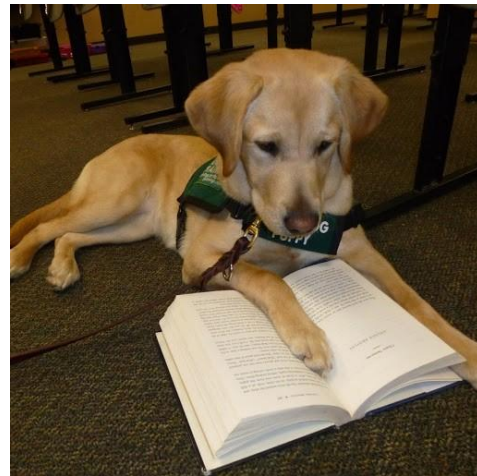
Mrs. Walther

- 1:1 support for special ed, substitute teacher
- 13th year in 5th grade
- Teaching credentials (3)



My Family

- Married for 29 years
- Moved to USA 1998
- 2 children
- Sandra: graduated UC Davis / Bachelor in Animal Science
 - Now working for GDB
- Bryan: at Lawrence Technical University (LTU), Michigan
- 1 granddog, graduated GDB




My Philosophy

- Every child can learn
- Children learn in different ways
- Teacher, parents and students work as a team



Contact the Teacher

- Email: gwalther@jsdtracy.com
 - Phone: please leave message
 - Meetings: please email for appointment
 - There is no such thing as too much contact!!!
 - Students are allowed to email me, please include name
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Curriculum

- Math: Go Math grade 5
- ELA/ Reading: Wonders McGraw-Hill
- Science: NGSS based materials and pilot materials
- Social Studies: TCR



Math

- Practice math facts $+/-/ \times / \div$
- Money
- Time
- Memorize prime numbers
- Daily homework to practice a specific skill



ELA/ Reading

- Wonders
- Online available
- Supported with WCR
- Daily reading homework
- Monthly novel + AR (\$5 cash replacement)



Science

- Focusing on NGSS
- Utilizing Study Weekly for home project
- Online Mystery Science for “exploration”
- Spiral for note taking
- Supported with WCR



Social Studies

- New curriculum TCR
- online support
- Vocabulary practice (flashcards)
- Supported with WCR

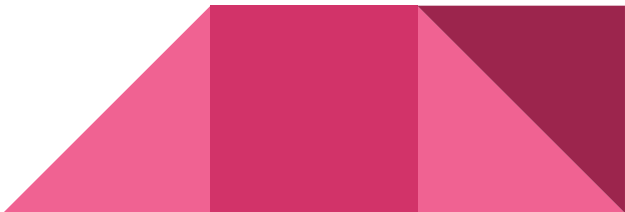


Rounding Out Education


- Beginning band- see Mr. Cooper / music room in the new gym
- STEAM
 - Technology/ Coding
 - Engineering/ Building challenges
 - Art (not just drawing!)
 - WCR



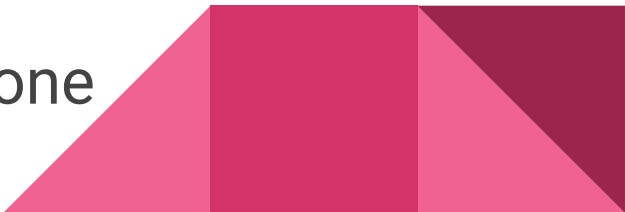
Walking Classroom (WCR)

- Podcast device and headphones or earbuds
 - SS/ ELA/ SC (NGSS)
 - Listen at least twice
 - Assignment/ quiz
 - About 1 mile each time
 - At least twice a week (hopefully)
 - Make up at school only
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Homework

- Daily reading (20 min)
 - Monthly novel/ AR
 - Daily math problem (5-10 min)
 - Science home projects
 - SS vocabulary
 - ELA spelling/ grammar practice (finish work)
 - ★ Homework hotline (209) 839-2379 ext. 1602
 - ★ Online information <https://www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com/Domain/214>
 - classroom/ Walther, Grit/ Homework
 - ★ Agenda/ printed out page
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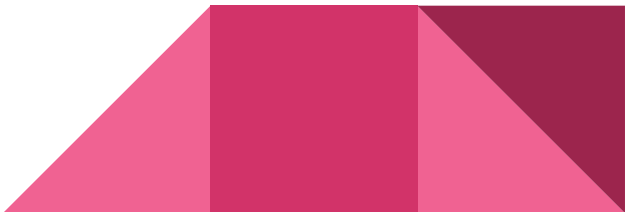
Absent Work

- Minimize absences
 - Work is ready for pick up at 3:10pm in the office
 - For each day absent- two days to turn in work
 - Make up work is classwork and homework, often not in Aeries
 - Independent study: all work has to be done
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Paperwork

- Papers for parent-teacher-conference are on the tables close to the outside door
- Reminders will be send prior to PTC



- On your child's desk:
 - Scholastic (monthly book orders)
 - **Field trip forms & donation (\$10) (please return)**
 - **WCR permission (please return)**
 - Prodigy (\$12)
 - **Teacher package (please return last page)**
 - Library Birthday club
 - Spiritwear orders/ PTA
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Last Notes

- Phones: need to be turned off and in backpack
- No toys, including fidgeting toys
- Dress code, we are on the floor
- Water bottles
- Clarify with your child how to get home



Grading Information

SBG stands for Standard Based Grading



Standards/Mastery Based Grading


SBG strives to make the grade given to students and parents reflective of how much **content knowledge** the student is showing at that time

SBG Basics

- Grade equals content knowledge or skill performance
- Effort, behavior etc. are not included in the grade
- Graded on a 4 point rubric
- Summative (60% "major") = final assessments retakes if needed (proof of learning needed)
- Formative (40% "minor") = "along the way" assessments

No Zeros. Change in the Grading Scale!

Ignore this 1/2



F	F	F	F	F	F	D	C	B	A
0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-100

An “A” and an “F” should average to a C. In a non-SBG, where a 0 is awarded, it averages to a 50.

The lowest score given in this grading scale is a 50.

Keep in mind that a 50 is still a failing score, it's still an F.

From Rubric to Grade

A		B		C		D		F	
10	9.5	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.0
Exceeds Expectations		Meets Expectations		Approaching Expectations		Not Meeting Expectations		Not Meeting Expectations	
4—The student has a complete and detailed understanding of the information important to the topic that <u>exceeds</u> what was taught in class.		3—The student has a complete understanding of the information important to the topic but not in great detail.		2—The student has an incomplete understanding of the topic and/or misconceptions about some of the information. However, the student maintains a basic understanding of the topic.		1—The student's understanding of the topic is so incomplete or has so many misconceptions that the student cannot be said to understand the topic.		0—No judgment can be made about the student's understanding of the topic.	
								<i>Marzano, Robert</i>	

An Example

- Grading will be on a 4pt scale with a student meeting the standard or showing mastery with nothing extra receiving a “3” on the scale, which equates to a solid “B” grade
- In order to get an “A” the student must **exceed** what was taught in class and show deeper understanding of the topic

Math/ Aeries

- Instead of major/minor: 3 essential standards
- All skill measurements are sorted by those standards
- Still use of major (60%) and minor (40%)
- This is a pilot but it will not affect the score of your child, just how it is recorded

Before We Really End:

- Please sign in
- Please sign up for PTC
- 3 forms to print from Aeries
 - Transportation form
 - Demographics
 - Parent/Student Notification Agreement



PTA

Parent-Teacher Association

- Parent involvement
- Teacher support
- Only \$5 for a year-long membership



Thank You

