



August 15, 2024

Dear Room 16 Families,

Welcome to another exciting first day of school! I am pleased to have your child in our class and am looking forward to a great school year.

Our school day begins at 8:15 and ends at 2:20 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Tuesday, school ends at 1:45 for the purpose of teacher planning, staff meetings, and/or in-service training. Recess is from 10:15 until 10:35 and lunch is from 12:10 to 12:55 daily.

All sweaters, coats, jackets, backpacks, rainwear, and lunch containers must be marked with your child's name. If you are dropping off lunch for your child at school please make sure to leave it on the yellow card outside of the front office. The name must be on the outside of all lunch boxes, water bottles, and bags everyday. Also, please mark any books or special sharing items brought to school. This helps prevent losses and mix-ups. Please try to leave all personal items at home as these can be a distraction.

Things to know for the First Day

Students will line up out on the black top close to the green playground. They'll see an orange cone with your teacher's room number (16) on it. Line up behind the cone.

There are two lunch options and one breakfast option this year which are free for all students through the school cafeteria. You can sign up to have all school menus emailed directly to you via this link: [Nutrition Services/Menus](#)

Communication

All guardians should have a ParentSquare account. You will need to report all absences, every day the student is absent, through ParentSquare. The app is also available for your phone. If you have children at other schools that also utilize ParentSquare, you do not have to create a new account as you should be able to have one account.

I am looking forward to sharing plans for the year with you at Back- to-School/ Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 29th from 6:30 - 7:15pm. If ever you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school, send a note with your third grader, or email. My address is Peters_Irene@cusdk8.org . I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Peters

SUPPLY LIST FOR THIRD GRADE

The third grade teachers have supplied basic supplies for each student. This allows our classrooms to run more efficiently. Please do not have your child bring their own pencil boxes or items not listed on this list because it can cause unnecessary distractions.

For Class Use:

- * 1 package of 12-24 Ticonderoga pencils to share with class (pre-sharpened)
- * 3 Jumbo glue sticks
- * 1 box or more of unscented wet wipes to share with class
- * 1 ream of 8 ½ x 11 copier paper
- * 1 Eraser (Magic Rub white are the best)

For Individual Use (label with your child's name):

- * headphones (without volume control buttons) in a **ziplock with your child's name** clearly marked

Optional Items:

- * 1 box or more of tissues to share with class

**While state law does not allow school districts to charge fees to students for educational materials/ activities, our program relies heavily on financial donations from participating families. Please know that purchasing items on the list is not required; however, it will greatly help sustain our program at its current level.

Thank you for supporting our school!

Classroom Donation Form

This year we would like to continue the teacher classroom donation request to reduce the multiple requests for money throughout the year. The donation helps the classroom teacher cover the cost of supplemental materials, magazine subscriptions, project-based learning, as well as science and art materials. Your classroom teacher is requesting a donation of \$175 per child. Corporate matching is a great way to double your donation at no cost to you. Check with your employer to see if they participate. We appreciate your generosity and support so that we can provide the very best for your child.

Please note: We will be participating in 5th Grade Science Camp this year, those fees will be collected separately.

Child's Name (Optional):_____.

Teacher's Name:_____.

Please check one (Optional):

I have attached a check/cash for \$175 for classroom materials and field trips to enrich my child's learning experience.

I am unable to donate the suggested amount, but would like to contribute \$ _____, to support my child's classroom.

My employer is able to do a company match donation. Parents, please indicate your child's name and teacher name on the form so the funds can be designated appropriately.

Please make check out to "**West Valley Elementary School.**"

Your donation can be turned in to your teacher or the front office.

Thank you for your generosity!

The California Constitution mandates that public education be provided to students free of charge, unless a charge is specifically authorized by law for a particular program or activity. This constitutional right of free access encompasses all educational activities, whether curricular or extracurricular, and regardless of whether credit is awarded for the educational activity. Asking parents or guardians to sign a waiver for an otherwise mandatory fee, charge or deposit does not render it constitutionally permissible.

FROM THE WEST VALLEY SCHOOL LIBRARY
<https://sites.google.com/cusdk8.org/westvalleylibrary-dlhub/home>

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Dear Parents:

Library visits will begin with student orientations the week of August 26. **Checkouts during class visits and lunch will begin the week of September 9.** This letter provides a brief overview of the library policies and procedures. Please review this information with your student and retain it for your records. Your awareness and support of library policies and procedures are important not only for keeping the library running smoothly, but also for helping your child use the library successfully. Thank you for your involvement in the process.

Sincerely,
Vivian Gudan, Library Media Clerk

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL LIBRARY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Checkout Limit: TK/Kindergarten – 1 item
1st-3rd grades – 2 items
4th-5th grades – 3 items

Loan Period: 2 weeks

Renewals: One renewal is generally allowed **if the item is brought in to the library on or before the due date.**

Library Rules: Show respect for yourself, others, and property.

Library materials are to be used, enjoyed, taken care of, and returned on time. Overdue notices will be sent home on a regular basis. Any student with an overdue library item will lose his/her library checkout privileges until the item is returned. Keep books in a place safe from pets and very young children. Damaged items should be returned immediately for evaluation/repair. Please make sure all library materials are returned **only** to the West Valley School Library, as returns to other libraries result in substantial delays in clearing student records and may result in lost items. If a library book is lost or damaged beyond repair, please send an explanatory note to the school library. Library items lost or damaged beyond repair will be billed.