

Dear Parents,

2021

Welcome to a new and exciting year at Pleasant Valley School! This year I'm excited to welcome a new staff member and several new students. Our new staff member is Miss Wilson and she will be my aide this year. She will be working with the students on Monday - Thursday from 9-3. I excited for all the new things that we will be able to do as we support your student's future learning.

This year our focus for library will be reading and responding to various texts and research skills. Guidance standards will focus on personal and social development. If you are interested in specific academic standards (ELA or Math), you are invited to visit MT OPI at <http://opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/Index.html>.

Please review the student information to help assist in a smooth school year. Feel free to call or email me at any time with your concerns or questions. My phone number is 858-2343 and my email address is teacher@pvsmt.org. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Miss Richelle Sheets

Student Information for 2021-2022

Attendance: Attendance is very important. School is from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm for all grades.

Students are considered tardy if they arrive during the first 30 min of the school day. I do allow for a 5 min. grace period before marking students as tardy. If they are an hour late, they will be considered absent for the morning. If they need to be picked up more than an hour early from our dismissal time, they will be consider absent for the afternoon. Anything less than an hour is marked as leave early.

When your student must be absent from school, parents must inform the school by 9:00 am on the day of the absence. 406-858-2343

If your child is ill, please error on the side of caution and keep them home. Make-up work can be sent digitally or completed when they feel better and return to school.

Classroom Management: Students will have a communication planner. This planner will be used to communicate between parents and the teacher. Included in the planner will be a list of homework and any notes about the day. Please check planners nightly.

This year's student created rules are:

1. Wash Hands!
2. Play Safe!
3. Walk inside.
4. Be nice to others.
5. Listen to others.

Schedule: See attached.

Grading: This year we are using standards based grading.

Standards Grades
4 - Student has mastered grade level skills and can apply learning to other situations
3 - Student can demonstrate knowledge or skills independently
2 - Student is developing knowledge or skills with teacher support
1 - Student demonstrates limited understanding or skills with substantial support
N - No Attempt

Homework: I do not assign additional homework. If they have homework, it is work that they did not finish during their specified class time. I do ask that students read for a minimum of 20 min. per night. Kindergarten this can be a combination of being read to and practicing their beginning reading skills. Fourth - Eighth grade will also have music homework. They will need to practice their instrument for 30 min. every night.

Recess: We have recess every day. Please make sure that your child comes ready to play outside. During the winter, please send your students with appropriate attire to play in the snow (heavy coat, snow boots, hats, gloves, snow pants).

Birthdays: Birthdays at school are FUN! Some children like to celebrate their special day with a birthday snack. If you would like to send in a treat, please try to let me know in advance. Cupcakes, cookies, and fruit are always popular. It is not mandatory to send in a treat for their birthday. If your students' birthday falls during the summer, they may choose to celebrate on their half birthday or at the end of the school year.

Gym: Miss Rachael will be leading our PE program. She has been attending college to major in PE and Health. K-3rd will participate in PE on Monday and Wednesday. 4th - 8th will participate on Tuesday and Thursday. Your child will need to have sneakers or athletic shoes to wear on gym days, these could be the shoes they wear every day. No cowboy boots for PE. Students will also need to wear appropriate clothing. Students may wear gym clothes to school or change before we go over to the gym.

Book Orders: I will be sending home Scholastic Reading Club flyers. Last year it was hit and miss on if they sent flyers for each month, however you can find the fliers as well as other books on the Scholastic website. Purchasing books for your child is voluntary. If you choose to order books, slips need to be returned by the 3rd Monday of the month. Checks are written to Scholastic and will be submitted when the class order is placed. If you have internet access, you can order online and pay by credit card. The website is scholastic.com/bookclubs or scholastic.com/newparent and our class code is LC2V8.

Breakfast, Snack and Lunch: Please have students eat breakfast before coming to school. Students need to bring a small snack for snack time and lunch. We have a small refrigerator, microwaves, and toaster oven for students to use. If your student needs to heat their lunch, they need to let me know so we can plan for preparation time. I do keep a small number of snacks on hand for students during the day. Please try to avoid meals that take a lot of prep time as our lunch time is 15 min. for eating and 15 min. for recess. Also, it has been requested that tomato-based products and other foods that will easily stain if spilt are avoided.

Face Covering: Currently, our school board is not requiring masks at school. If your child wishes to wear one, they are optional. When we go on field trips, we might need to have one depending on what the location is requiring. At this time the CDC is requiring masks while in school vehicles. Our state is currently fighting this requirement.