

**Lake Ridge Elementary School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

 Welcome to Special Education fifth and sixth grade at Lake Ridge Elementary. My name is Denise Lee and I will be your child’s support this year. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this 2018-2019 school year in Granite School District. My goal this year is to create a positive learning environment in the classroom and to promote high self-esteem in your child. Also, I want students to progress academically through our research-based literacy programs and the mathematics programs. I have high expectations for myself as well as your child. I expect each student to give their best efforts in all academics and citizenship while being here at Lake Ridge.

 Communication helps create a safe and engaging environment for parents, colleagues and your child. You know what motivates and helps your child be successful at school and at home. Please contact me if you have any insights, concerns or celebrations of importance. Details and communication are vital. On Fridays, teachers throughout Lake Ridge call parents to celebrate two students’ success stories so don’t be too surprised by a phone call home. I can be reached at school from 8:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. on weekdays. Please call me at Lake Ridge Elementary, 385-646-4888, during these hours. You may contact me through email at dhlee@graniteschools.org or by text me at 801-971-8960. Our class Weebly account is dhleeschool.weebly.com

SCHOOL TIME

 The first bell rings at 8:35 a.m. School begins at 8:40 a.m. and is dismissed at 3:20 p.m. (Early days or Fridays are from 8:35 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.). The students will line up on the east side of the building and will be allowed inside the school when the bell rings. Breakfast in the Classroom is served from 8:40 - 8:50 a.m. every morning while school is in session. One of the key components to a student’s success is his/her attendance. Exceptions, emergencies and illnesses may arise so, please help your child and the school by keeping their absences to a minimum.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS (We will be implementing new rules as per class consensus)

1. Be on Time and Turn in Weekly Folder on Time
2. Follow Directions the First Time Given
3. Keep Hands, Feet and Other Objects to Yourself (K.H.Y.F.O.O.T.Y.)
4. Raise your hand and wait to be called upon before speaking
5. Clean Up After Yourself

Lake Ridge ROCKS! Responsible, optimistic, careful and kind.

GRADING SYSTEM

 At Lake Ridge Elementary, we follow the State and National Common Core Standards with the Individual Education Plan (IEP) standards as outlined by Granite School District. Students will be given special education grades based on their IEP goals which are reported by Not Addressed, Insufficient Progress, or Goal Met in the areas they are receiving support in. IEP progress reports go out at the same time as the general education progress reports. Reading minutes and math multiplication practice will be included in your child’s grade. Lake Ridge will be transitioning to proficiency grading of 1-4 like the previous state testing of SAGE. More information will come when we have more details.

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK

 Students who receive support in areas of language arts will benefit from reading at least 20 minutes Monday through Friday. By having reading as a top priority, the students will improve and progress academically. I will give each student an incentive to read on a daily basis. For every minute, your child reads, he/she will receive a point in the class store. Your child may bring their reading minutes to support class (white copy) and general class (colored copy). If your child comes in for math support, a weekly multiplication table review may be handed in on Friday mornings. They may receive points for class store too. With new RISE testing, typing and sight words memorization can help by reviewing at home too. All students are expected to do classwork in both classroom settings. Modifications have been recorded in their IEP and have been given to parents and teachers. All weekly reviews and communication letters need to be turned in on Friday mornings. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Denise Lee