April 2024

2024-2025

## Application for Classroom Placement

The process for suggesting classroom placement for 2024-2025 is as follows:
Parent input on student placement will need to be submitted using an application form that is available in the office and on our website under "Classroom Placement Application" at afton.lcsd2.org. All requests can be either faxed to 307-885-8010, scanned and emailed to shhurd@lcsd2.org, or dropped off at the school. Phone calls, emails, notes, or conversations with teachers about placement will not substitute for completing the form. When making a recommendation, please consider the following:

- Every classroom in each grade level offers the same exposure to the curriculum. Students are frequently "leveled" based on performance and are with teachers other than their primary teacher.
- The process for making classroom assignments for the following year is time-intensive and very complex; ensuring students are considered individually for how they will succeed based on teaching style, learning style, interaction with peers in the classroom, student strengths, and teacher strengths. Most importantly building balanced classes and working with special learning need We cannot consider more than one request per student.
- Parent input is one determining factor and not the determining factor in placement. While we work hard to consider parent input, placement from parent input is not guaranteed. Teachers, along with myself, take the above listed factors into account when it comes to placing all students in classrooms.
- Application forms that are incomplete will not be honored. $s$ is a higher priority than parent requests.

Parent input is due to the office by the end of the school day on April 25th. Any requests received after that date, including requests made once the class lists have been posted, will not be considered.

Thank you for helping make this a great year at Afton Elementary. We appreciate your support and all you do to make this a good experience for your child. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call Mr. Robinson at 307-885-8002.


Classroom teachers for 2023-2024

Kindergarten: Angela Burton, Lisa Garner, Saudi Nichols, Jennifer Aullman, Shelly Bagley, Morgan Call
1st Grade: Kim Theriault, Kellie Harris, Ericka Putnam, Becky Hunsaker, Karli
Galloway, Sydney Guild
2nd Grade: Shane Harris, Joyce
Kennington, Jennifer Frome, Britani
Erickson, Ashley Lancaster
3rd Grade: Allison Hicks, Tami Nielsen, Jason Cazier, Kirk Hoopes, Amy Klindt, Mark Hale

## Math Facts

The following students have passed off their timed math facts.
Addition - Ridge Hyde, Ryder McCollum, Weston McGee, Raelie Shumway, Elizabeth Mattson, Rolando Miranda, Justin Statham, Allia Kennington, Andrew Hickey, Dane Hathaway, Jaylee Call, Steely Jacobson, and Jaxon Moffat.

Subtraction - Molly Hale, Ryder McCollum, Ridge Hyde, Kanon Lancaster, Emmy Day, Raelie Shumway, Garner Dunlap, Tydell Buxman, Daniel Hickey, Titan Worton, Waverly Corson, and James Hirschi.

Mixed Addition/Subtraction - Ridge Hyde, Emmy Day, Titan Worton, Everly Hill, Dane Hathaway, Briar Kenley, Sophie Downs, Waverly Corson, BeDee Booth, and Ruby Boice.

Honors<br>So proud of all our awesome readers!!! We have so much to celebrate, thank you for all the support from home and school. Mrs. Merritt<br>1st Honors: Johnathan Page, Grace Voss, Eva Clove, Nessa Anderson, Easton Seidel, Ella Grisamer, Otto Wood, Elena Bagley, Ciara Owens, Isabella Horsley, McKinley Finch, and Jackson Brown.<br>2nd Honors: Liam Brinkerhoff, Thomas Colvin, and Jendre Hebdon<br>3rd Honors: Yukon Hathaway<br>5th Honors: Emma Shields<br>6th Honors: Emma Shields

## Learning Update

Kindergarten - We are excited to get back to work and finish the school year strong! Kindergarteners will continue to learn new "heart words" and review how to read and write old heart words. We will keep adding new heart words to our word banks for the rest of the year! Kindergarteners have finished "How To" books and some even worked on writing fiction or fantasy stories as well as narrative stories. Soon, kindergarteners will start working on Opinion writing. We will continue to work on implementing correct sentence structure into our writing and editing our writing to include correct writing conventions. We are continuing to work on forming letters correctly while writing and playing word games through Heggerty. During Reading Workshop and Reading Mastery, we are working on reading our heart words and sight words in a snap! Please remember to work on the following reading "superpowers" at home during their reading time: Pointer Power or tracking the words with a finger, Reread Power or smoothing our voice out when we have to sound words out or read like a robot, and Sound Power or looking at each sound for every word.

For math we are still working through the operations unit! We are studying pictures and story problems to decide if the action is joining (addition) or leaving (subtraction/minus). We are spending a lot of time using manipulatives, numbers and words, or number sentences to represent the action and tell the result or answer. Students are using number bonds to show the relationship between the beginning number, the changing number, and the result number. We will continue to review numbers, number writing, counting, and shapes throughout the month as well.

1st Grade - Wow! It is hard to believe that it is already April! Our First grade students are working so hard, and are continuing to develop important life skills. Throughout the month of April in math first grade students will be working on two digit addition and subtraction. In writing students will be working on persuasive writing, while continuing to sharpen their handwriting and punctuation skills. In reading students will continue to work on decoding and comprehension skills and tools to prepare for second grade. Thank you to parents/guardians for all of your hard work and dedication to your child's education.

## 2nd Grade -

I hope you had a wonderful Spring Break! Hopefully you got some fun and sun and are ready to make it for the final stretch of the school year. Afton Second Graders have been working hard on telling time and counting money this past month. Coming up next is geometry and fractions. We are good at reading and writing and have grown in so many ways this year. We will begin practicing for our Spring Play over the Bridge as soon as possible, and we have some fun fieldtrips to look forward to in the next two months. Keep reading and doing Math facts. You've Got this!

3rd Grade - We started March off by finishing up parent teacher conferences. Thank you so much for making the time to come talk to us about your students. We appreciate the support that we get from our parents here at Afton Elementary. We loved attending the high school musical, Guys and Dolls. It was amazing. Mrs. Nielsen does a great job directing those musicals. In math, we have now finished teaching all the third grade material. We'll spend the rest of the year reviewing and working to help students become solid in their knowledge of multiplication, division, addition/ subtraction, fractions, data, geometry, and area/perimeter. We are also working on our nonfiction knowledge during reading time by comparing and contrasting different articles and paragraphs. In writing, we are in our information unit. We are learning how to research and then take that information and write essays in our own words. We hope you all have a great Spring Break!! Come back rested and ready to finish the year strong. We will be doing WY-TOPP testing April 23 and 30. Thank you!
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