

3rd Grade

Welcome Back Rock Stars!



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Break a Leg...

Hello parents and students. My name is Mrs. McIntosh. This is my 7th year at 21st Century Charter School @ Gary, and my 9th year as a teacher. I am very excited about the new school year. I am also very pleased that you have chosen to place your child at 21st Century Charter School @ Gary. Our theme in the classroom this year is **"ROCK STARS!"** We plan to do it big this year and rock on everything we do; from having fun to our academics. With that being said, it is important that you know that I believe every student can learn and every student will make gains this year.

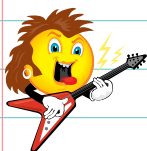
You will receive their progress reports to monitor your child's performance. However, I am available after school until 4 p.m. for any quick checks you may need. You can also access your child's performance online through the ARK grade book (please see the front office for details on how to log on). Again I thank you and appreciate the confidence you have in me and this school. LET'S ROCK IT OUT!!!



Special points of interest:

- ✓ Accelerated Reader
- ✓ NWEA
- ✓ ISTEP
- ✓ Plato
- ✓ Discovery Education
- ✓ Acuity
- ✓ 4 Square Writing

These topics will be addressed in later newsletters.



ROCK STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Every Friday I will choose a Rock Star of the week to be showcased the following week. That Friday, the student will bring home a rock star tote bag to fill with things they would like to share with the class (things small enough to fit

in the bag). Students are also encouraged to bring picture of themselves with family and friends or just by themselves, to display on the Rock Star board. Please allow them to bring pictures that you don't mind being displayed or that don't

carry too much sentimental value (accidents do happen). During that week something special will be done for that student. They will also get to keep the **Rock It Out** trophy for the week. All materials will be returned at the end of the week.



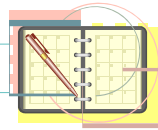
Check the homework hotline @ ext 3115



Homework will be given every night.
The weekends are reserved for journaling Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

A 5-Star Performance!

At the end of the day students will write down, in their agenda books the color they earned for that day.



Parents please check and sign agenda books every night.

A **Green** means you had a very good day. You were not a disruption to yourself or others, and got along with teachers and students.

A **Yellow** card means you were given several warnings that the behaviors you showed needs to stop.

A **Red** card means that you did not take the advice of the teacher and continued to display undesirable behaviors.



Star Bucks



This year I have set up a class economy so the students can earn **Star Bucks**. These Star Bucks are then used to make purchases at the classroom store (Hip Hop Mall). They track their point (money) in their own log books. There are a variety of ways students can earn money or credit their accounts:

- ◆ Performing classroom jobs that are assigned
- ◆ Completing homework
- ◆ Good behavior
- ◆ Respecting classmates and materials

site of the above mentioned, or losing a log bog. However, I am the only one who can record debits or credits, and can credit or debit accounts as I see fit. The student seem very excited about this new system, It is not only a way for them to learn about economics, but it helps in classroom management as they become responsible for their own actions.



Students can also have their account debited by doing the oppo-

Spelling tests every Friday

