

**Mrs. Zumbrum's
Instructional Support Classroom
2017-2018**

Welcome back to school!

Our school theme this year is:

TEAM

Together Everyone

Achieves More

I am looking forward to working with you and your child as we step into the new school year together!

Mrs. Zumbrum

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The home-school connection is very important for your child's academic success. In an effort to enhance the learning experience for your child, I will be posting reading skills and strategies for you to practice with your child on this page. General information will also be found on this page, but your child's individual work will be found in their folder from my classroom. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

God bless,
Mrs. Zumbrum

August 28, 2017

Dear Families,

I am Mrs. Zumbrum and your child will be meeting with me several times a week throughout the year to receive instructional support. I work closely with their homeroom teacher to support their language arts needs and enhance their strengths. Your child will receive a yellow plastic folder from me and this is where items they are working on with me will be kept. This folder will have their name and my name on it. I will also post reading strategies, test taking tips, and other information on my teacher's page on the school website each week.

**** They will do the homework from their homeroom teacher each evening. Anything in my folder will be additional things they need to practice but is not to replace their homeroom assignments.**

As your child develops into a lifelong reader they will continue to acquire strategies to help them become better readers. Learning strategies to decode unknown words is an important step in becoming a better reader. Below are the strategies we are using in the classroom which they could also use while reading at home. I will also place a copy of these strategies in their folder they bring home each night from my classroom.

Happy Reading!

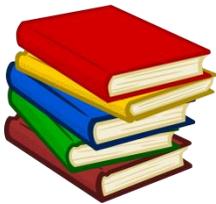
Decoding Unknown Words

- **Skip** the word, **read** to the end of the sentence
- **Hop** back and read it **again**.
- **Say** the first two to three **sounds** in the unknown word
- **Look** at the **vowels**
- **Try** short sound then long

- **Look** for word **chunk** (syllables)
- **Look** for a word **part** (prefix, suffix)
- **Look** at the **picture**
- **Ask** for help **AFTER** you have tried all the other strategies.

NEVER LET THE WORD WIN!!!

September 11, 2017



Book Fair

We will be having our school book fair this week! It is a wonderful opportunity for your child to choose great books to read. You will also have an opportunity to browse at the book fair on Back to School night this Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Yellow Folder

Your child will be bringing home their yellow plastic folder from my classroom this week. Please remove any papers that are to be kept at home and have your child return the folder to school. Thank you for your assistance with this procedure.

Back to School Night

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Grades K- 4

6:45 PM

I will be available in the cafeteria after you have gone to your child's homeroom presentation. Please feel free to stop by and say hello! I am looking forward to seeing you!

God Bless,

Mrs. Zumbrum