

Dear Parent,

It is hard to believe that school is already starting once again. I hope you and your child had an enjoyable, relaxing summer. Hopefully we are all refreshed and ready for a GREAT year!

Each year, I like to associate a theme with my students. This year, I have chosen, “Gear Up for a Great Year!” We still have a lot to learn in the fifth grade before our students are ready to make the transition to jr. high. If we all “gear up” we can help each other accomplish our goals and enjoy ourselves along the way.

Once again this year, we will have STAR time in our classroom. STAR stands for Stop, Take a Book, and Read, Read, Read! This goes along with our AR reading. As the 5th grade Reading teacher, I require a minimum of 5 AR points every six week period. The stories in our reading book make up at least half of those points. It is each student’s responsibility to take the AR test for our reading story each week. I keep track of progress made by using the AR computer report. Any student not achieving the 5 point goal will receive a zero for a test grade in Reading. I do not feel this goal is out of reach, so I firmly stick to my policy. Your child will be well aware of where he/she stands throughout the year. The five point requirement starts over with each new six week period. For example, if your child has 8.3 points the first six weeks then the second six week total must be at least 13.3 and so on for the remainder of the school year.

I firmly believe keeping the lines of communication open is very important for everyone. Feel free to call and set up a conference time with Ms. Hogan in the office, or phone during my conference time if you need to speak to me. Early morning conferences are difficult for all teachers because students are in the classroom for tutorials at that time. My e-mail address is: candreski@bremondisd.net.

In your child’s notebook you will find a copy of the following: rules and procedures, classroom code of conduct, class schedule, and a notebook organizational guideline. I know you will have many papers to sign and go over. Please take the time to also go over the above with your child.

I want to have a very successful year. With your help, we can all “gear up” and have a successful year. Thank you in advance for believing in your child and me. Your support and cooperation is invaluable.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Callie Andreski

*****You can access my website by going to www.bremondisd.net scrolling to the Elementary School tab at top of page, going down to Teacher Webpages, and clicking on Callie Andreski.

Student Signature

Parent Signature