

September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome

We are off to a great start! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your kids for a wonderful start to the 2023-2024 school year. I am looking forward to doing some fun and exciting things with this group of talented fifth graders.

About Me

My name is Mike Louder and I have lived in Cornville for 23 years. This is my 26th year at Canaan Elementary School, and each year keeps getting better! I have a Bachelor's Degree in Education from UMF, and a Master's Degree from Thomas College. In addition to being a teacher, I am also a stone mason, sawyer and carpenter by trade. When I am not working at school, I am running my small sawmill business from home.

I have been married for 25 years. My wife, Danielle has had to put up with me for a long time. I am thankful she is a patient person. We have two sons. Our oldest is a power lineman and our youngest is a junior in college majoring in engineering. We are proud parents, to say the least. We have raised hard working and kind young men.

Open House/Drop Off/Pick Up

Please remember that student drop off is from between 7:45 and 8:00. Kids are allowed into the classrooms at 8:00. Morning seatwork is from 8:00 to 8:20, and our first class period starts at 8:20. Student pick-up begins at 2:15.

Planners and Google Classroom

I know in the past the students have had planners to bring back and forth. This year, I am going to try just using Google Classroom. I have given out planners to the students who requested them, however, I will not be requiring them to fill them out each day. You can make that decision as a family. The daily assignments will be posted in the assignment tab in Google Classroom. Your child will show you how that can be accessed. Laptops will be going home much more often than they

did last year. Please remind your child to charge each night so they are 100 percent when the day begins. I appreciate it.

Checking Work at Home

Every assignment given during the day can and should be checked by someone at home. I encourage this for a couple of reasons. First, it is important that parents know what their children are expected to accomplish during the school day.

Second, communication between home and school is key. We need to work as a team to make sure our kids are progressing. Please review any concepts that may be giving your child trouble and let us know what we can do to help.

Thanks for your support. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

Sincerely,

Mike Louder