

September 2022

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 2022-2023 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 24 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 sophomore 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 7:50 and 8:05. Kids are allowed into the classrooms at 8:00. Morning seatwork is from 8:00 to 8:15, and our first class period starts at 8:15. 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. The daily assignments will be posted in the assignment tab. 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.

Mrs. Kreider

If you have a chance, please introduce yourself to our new Principal, Mrs. Kreider. She is a great fit for our school and is tremendously kind and supportive. She has already stated how much she enjoys working with the kids and adults in the Canaan community. We are lucky to have her.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Louder