

Welcome, parents!

Mrs. Watson's
Gifted Math
and Science (for 4th gr)



ALL ABOUT MRS. PAULINE WATSON



- I started my career teaching in Hollywood, FL in 1998, and became certified in Gifted Education in 2001
- Nationally Board Certified in 2004 and 2014
- Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Florida Atlantic University
- Married since 1981 with 2 adult daughters and 3 beautiful grandchildren.
 - Moved to Gainesville in 2017 to be closer to grandchildren and taught Gifted Math at Wiles for one year before coming to Norton.

I am the Math Coach for our club that will meet on Mondays after school.



Classroom Community



- Our classroom is a community. We have rules to help us get along with each other.
- Our class rules are:
 - Be respectful by listening when others are talking and being courteous to each other.
 - Be safe by always walking and pushing my chair in when I get up.
 - Be responsible by bringing my homework and folder in every day.
 - Be cooperative by following directions and helping others.



Behavior Plan

- Students who exhibit our Norton Expectations receive Norton Bucks and may be asked to put their initials on the WOW Board.
- Students are given a reminder to follow our Norton expectations.
- If misbehavior continues, I will contact you via email or phone.
- On Fridays some students on the WOW Board choose a treat from the treasure box.



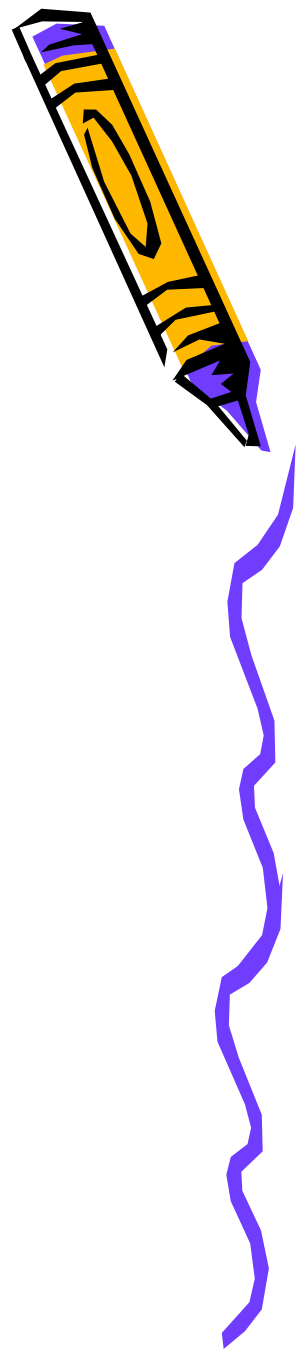
Homework



- Students are expected to bring home and return their homework in the blue folder that Title I has provided.
- Homework is given on Mondays through Thursdays.
- Ways you can help your child with homework:
 - * Designate a place for doing homework
 - * Have a scheduled time for homework
- Encourage your child to do his or her best.



Class Schedule



- **M, T, Th, F Schedule**

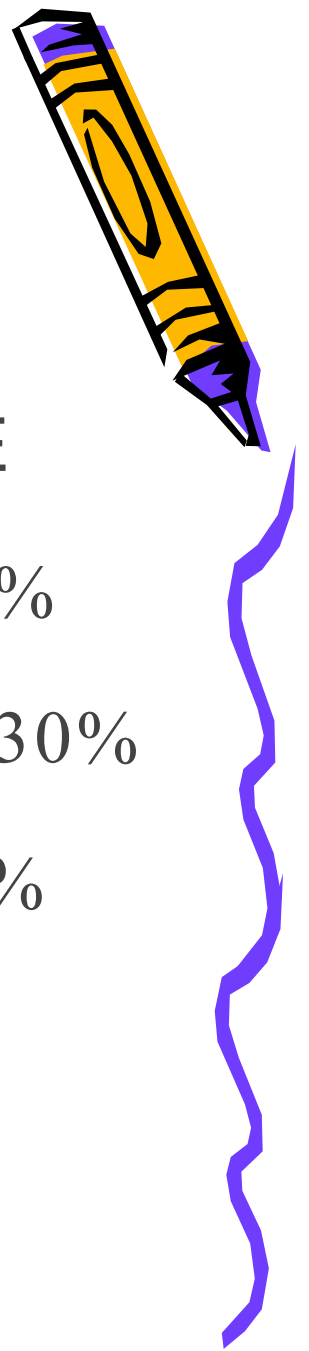
- 8:05 – 8:50 4th Gr Science
- 8:50 – 10:00 5th Grade Gifted Math
- 8:50 – 10:05 4th Grade Gifted Math
- 11:20 -12:20..... 3rd Grade Gifted Math
- 12:35 – 1:15 1st/2nd Grade Gifted Math

- **Wednesday Schedule**

- 7:45 – 9:004th and 5th Grade Gifted Math
- 9:00 – 9:40 4th Grade Gifted Science
- 10:30- 11:303rd Grade Gifted Math
- 11:55 – 12:251st/2nd Grade Gifted Math



Grades



MATH

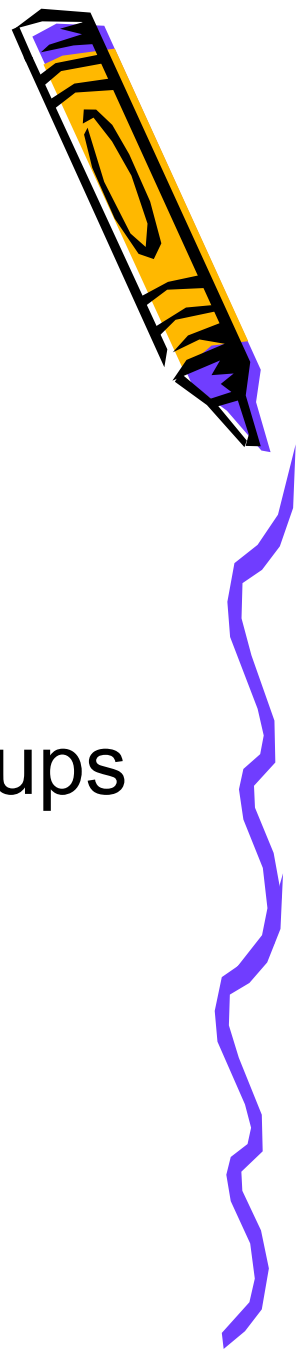
Tests	45%
Quizzes	20%
Classwork	25%
Homework	10%

SCIENCE

Tests	40%
Classwork	30%
Labs	30%



Daily Activities



- Check homework
- Warm Up activity
- New lesson of the day
- Independent practice/ Work with groups
- Math Journal
- some Fridays: STEM activities/math games



Grading Scale



First and Second Grade

- 90-100% E (excellent)
- 80-90% S+ (above average)
- 70-79% S (satisfactory)
- 60-69% N (needs improvement)
- 0- 59% U (unsatisfactory)

Third, Fourth and Fifth

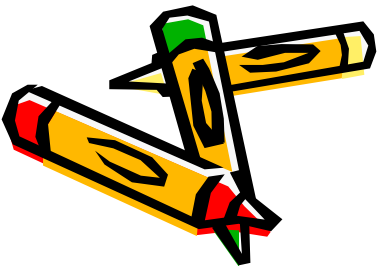
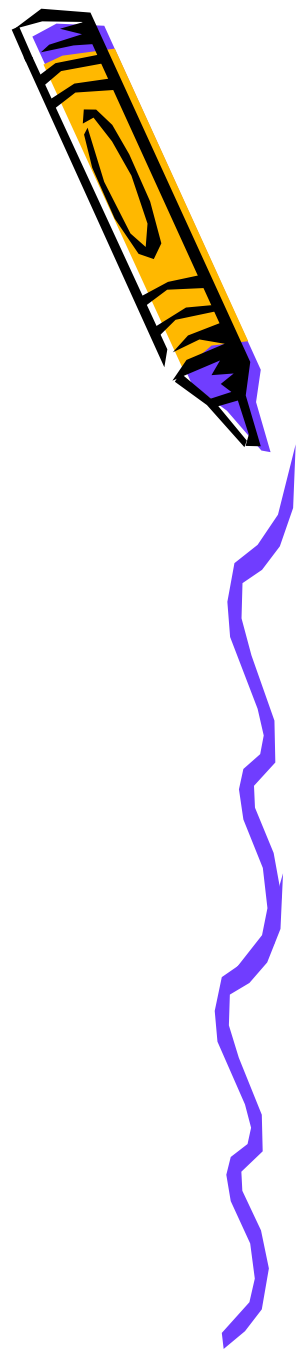
- 90-100% A (outstanding)
- 87-89% B+
- 80-86% B (above average)
- 77-79% C+
- 70-76% C (average)
- 67-69% D+
- 60-66% D (lowest acceptable)
- 0-59% F (failure)



Blue Folders

- Homework will come home and be returned to school each day.
- Graded work will be sent home on most Fridays

This Folder is also a good way to send in a note, however email is best.



How can you help?



When you're traveling in a car encourage your child to skip count. This is very helpful to develop fluency for the multiplication facts.

At home you can make fact practice a game by using a deck of cards. Each person gets half the deck upside down, like in War, when you both flip the cards the first person who says the sum or the product, gets both cards. **Math Magician** is a great online game to use for practice.



PARENT PORTAL is now SKYWARD

- You should have received the information from the homeroom teacher about how to access this helpful feature, to keep up with your child's grades and access the digital resources.

If you didn't, email me and I can send you the link to it.



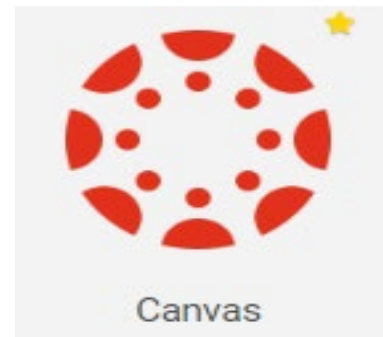
Digital Textbooks and resources are in the portal



Our math and science book are here:

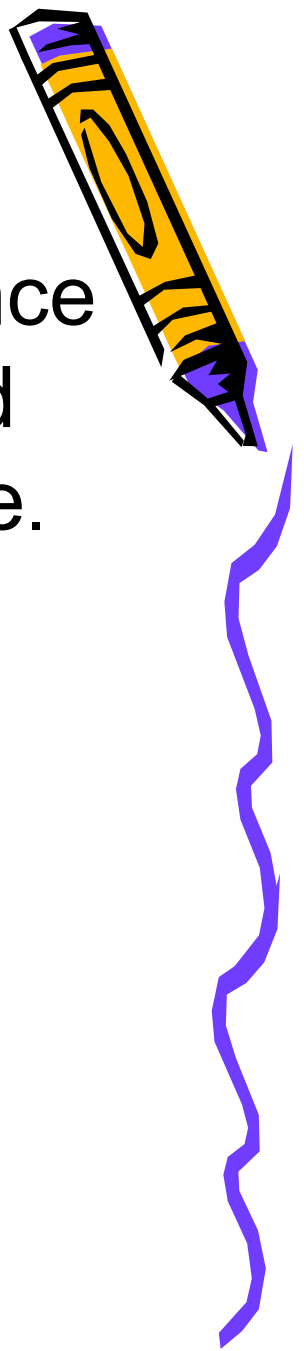


If your child is absent you can go to the canvas icon to see what we're doing in class.



Conferences

- If you would like to set up a conference to discuss your child's progress send me an email requesting a conference.



Research Project through UF

This is the second year I am participating in the CRAFT study. CRAFT stands for Culturally Responsive, Affective-Focused Teaching of Mathematics and Science.

This year I will be doing a research study using the Teacher Inquiry process to find out which strategies will produce a positive outcome. The fifth grade students will be doing a pre-interview and a post-interview to see if their feelings change.

Questions?

Thank you for attending our
Open House.

I look forward to working with
your student this year!

