

✦ Welcome!  
¡bienvenido!

Mrs. Vara and Ms. Salto  
4th and 5th Grade  
Back To School Night 2024-2025

# ✦Materials

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- Students need a 1.5 inch binder (flexible is okay) that will hold their communication folder, agenda, dividers, and school work. This will be transported to and from school every day.
- Students are supplied with appropriate materials. However, they are welcome to bring their own supplies to use in the classroom. This includes mouse and headphones. ***NO SHARPENERS OR LIQUID WHITE OUT***
- Chromebook and charger should be in the classroom. Students will be able to take them home for certain projects. They will just need to let me know.
- REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE! We have a refill station next to our classroom.

# ✦Homework

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- Students should be reading 30 minutes every night.
  - We are setting a goal to read 40 books this year! (Typically, more books than you ever have read!)
- Parent Signature in agenda every day to show that they are reading every night (4xs) . I will check agendas on Fridays.
- 1-2 math problem a night. (Optional)
- Other Info
  - 3 Book projects this year (first one due in October)
  - Any unfinished classwork will be assigned as homework and/or any other work “as needed”.
  - I will be having Scholastic Book Orders available so you can purchase books for your child. The first ordering window will be next month.
- Starts Monday 8/26

# ✦Curriculum

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- Language Arts (Benchmark)
  - Writing
    - Narrative, Opinion, Informational
    - planning, revising, editing writing, researching, expanding vocabulary, grammar
  - Reading
    - Respond to text, main idea and key details, compare and contrast, inference, cause and effect, accuracy and fluency.
  - In 4th and 5th grade, we are reading to learn.
  - During small group, students will be working on skills needed.

# ✦Curriculum

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- Math (Open Up)
  - Ms. Salto will be with 5th grade all year. Mrs. Vara will be with 4th grade all year.
  - 4th grade
    - place value using all 4 operations including to solve word problems, multi digit multiplication and division, equivalent fractions, decimals up to the hundredths place., measurement, and geometry
  - 5th grade
    - place value, perform operations with whole digit numbers (multiplication and division), decimals up to hundredths, multiply, divide, subtract, and add fractions, measurement, and geometry.
- Social Studies and Science (5th grade)
  - US History - State Project

# ✦ Grading

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- Language Arts
  - DRA to get fluency
  - NWEA- comprehension
- Math
  - Unit tests given and graded using a 4 point system
  - (4- exceeds standards 3-meets standards 2-approaching standards 1-not yet approaching standards
  - NWEA
- Science
  - Grade after every unit completed.
- Conferences
  - discuss growth and progress.

# ✦Schedule

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- PE
  - Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Library
  - Thursday
- Dismissal Times
  - Monday-Wednesday 3:00
  - Thursday 1:10
  - Friday 2:10

# ✦ Communication

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- *If there are any changes or information you would like me to know ASAP, please call the office so they can tell me. It isn't always a guarantee I will read the message right away.*
- Parent Square
- Email [mvara@pleasantvalleysd.org](mailto:mvara@pleasantvalleysd.org)
- Office Hours / by appointment (Zoom included)
- Phone call by appointment
- Biweekly Communication Reports- I will be sending out reports every other Friday. Please review sign and return by Monday.
- Monthly Newsletter
- Birthdays



Mrs. Vara      Week of 8/26 & 9/2  
Communication report / Informe de comunicación

Name/Nombre |

**Participation / Participación**

\_\_\_\_ Excellent / Excelente

\_\_\_\_ Good / Bueno

\_\_\_\_ Needs improvement / Necesita mejorar

**Effort / Esfuerzo**

\_\_\_\_ Excellent / Excelente

\_\_\_\_ Good / Bueno

\_\_\_\_ Needs improvement / Necesita mejorar

**Behavior / Comportamiento**

\_\_\_\_ Excellent / Excelente

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**Notes/ Notas :**

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**Parent signature/ firma de padre:**

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# ✦ Other Information

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- Join PTSA for \$10!
- Planned Field Trips
  - CIMI trip (5th grade only)
  - November 19 Parent Information Night: CIMI Parent Information
  - February 17 - 19 5th Grade CIMI Trip
- Conferences: October 10-18 and February 12-21 (Sign ups on Parent Square)
- It is strongly recommended that your child attends Fall and Winter Conferences so they can be a part of goal setting.
- If you have a planned absence for your child, please make sure to contact the office for an independent study so your child gets credit for being at school.
- Make sure you visit my teacher website for information on projects, homework forms/resources.
- <https://universitycharterschools.csuci.edu/Domain/127>

Attendance in  
the Upper Grades

Asistencia en  
los superiores grados

## Attendance in the Upper Grades

- Students should miss no more than 9 days each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation
- Missing 10% of the year, or 2 days/month, can affect a students' academic success.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of the signs that a student may drop out of high school

## Asistencia en los superiores grados

- Los estudiantes no deben perder más de 9 días de clases cada año para mantenerse involucrados, exitosos y encaminados hacia la graduación.
- Faltar un 10%, o 2 días al mes, puede afectar el éxito académico de un estudiante.
- Para el 6o grado, el ausentismo es una de las señales de que un estudiante puede abandonar la escuela secundaria.

# STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

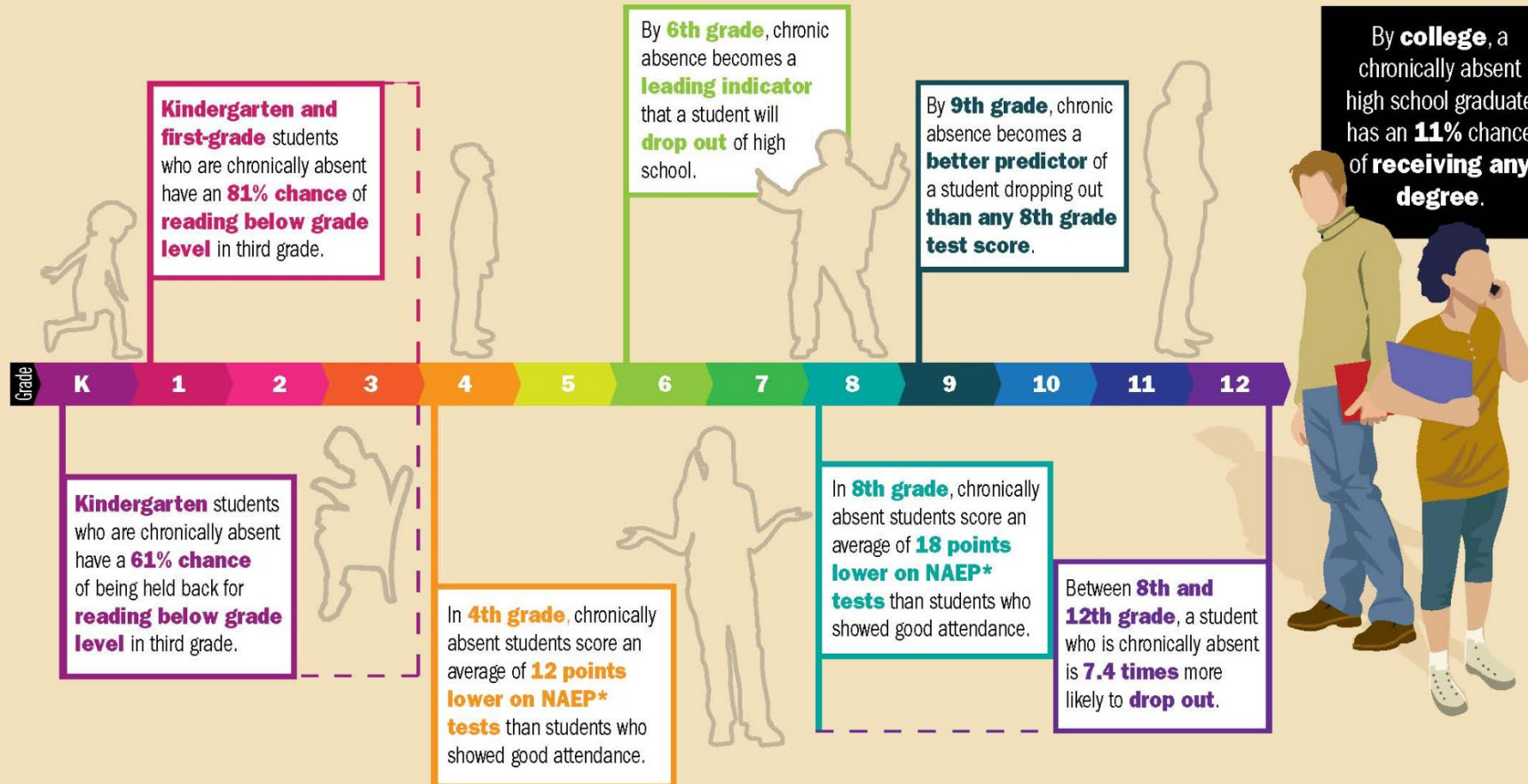
There are an estimated 5–7.5 million students in the United States who are chronically absent from school.

Chronic absenteeism hurts students in a variety of ways as they progress through their school career, starting with kindergarten.

## DEFINITIONS:

**Chronic Absence** – Missing 2 days each month, totaling 18 days, equals 10% of the school year

**Good Attendance** – Missing 9 days or less in a school year (5%)



\*National Assessment of Educational Progress

## How Families Can Help

- Set a regular bedtime
- Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before
- Establish morning routines
- Schedule non-urgent appointments and trips for when school is not in session

## Lo que puede hacer

- Establezca una rutina regular para la hora de dormir
- Elija y disponga la ropa y empaque las mochilas la noche anterior
- Establezca una rutina matutina
- Trate de programar las citas médicas y los viajes para cuando no haya clases en la escuela

# ✦Supplies

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# Amazon WishList

The following supplies are needed year around. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

- pencils
- whiteboard markers (black)
- glue sticks
- disinfecting wipes
- Baby wipes
- hand sanitizers
- tissues
- thick markers
- Gift Cards to
  - Amazon
  - Staples
  - Michaels
  - Target
  - Office Depot
  - Teachers Pay Teacher



THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!