## QUEST ACADEMY CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT FOR MISS YOUNG'S 3RD GRADE CLASS OF 2016 — 2017

I am so happy to be here at Quest Academy! I look forward to getting to know you and your child this year. I hope that we can work together to make this the best school year possible for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!

CURRICULUM: Our focus as a class will be on the Utah State Core Curriculum. You have access to standards at: www.schools.utah.gov/curr/core.

CLASSROOM RULES: There are five basic rules in our classroom:

- 1. Eyes on Miss Young when she is speaking
- 2. Follow directions the first time
- 3. Do your very best
- 4. Raise your hand silently and wait patiently
- 5. Respect Miss Young, classmates, and yourself

HOMEWORK: Homework will be available primarily on my blog <a href="http://qacblogs.org/nicki.young">http://qacblogs.org/nicki.young</a>.

The homework folder needs to be returned on Friday for full points. Students will also be awarded 25 cents of class money every time they turn in homework on time.

Electronic homework is also accepted in written form as long as it is done neatly. Only the answers need to be returned to school.

WORD STUDY: Quest Academy uses the Anita Archer spelling program.

The students are responsible for completing the 4 different spelling assignments/word sorts each week for homework (along with the work we do in class with spelling). I will post the Spelling Words on my blog at the beginning of every week. The students will use these Spelling Word cards for different homework assignments. Sorts must be typed each night. Spelling and dictation tests will be given on Fridays.

READING: This will consist of a variety of different reading techniques. 1. <u>Classroom Reading:</u> We will work with words using phonics to decode words. We will also be reading to each other in small cooperative groups and pairs. 2. <u>Silent Reading:</u> Students will have the opportunity to read silently for 10-15 minutes daily from a book of their choice. 3. <u>Small Group Instruction:</u> During small group instruction I will be working with small groups that will focus on individualized reading needs. 4. <u>Novel Reading:</u> I will read to the class daily from some of my favorite novels. We will complete many novels this year! 5. <u>Guided Reading Groups:</u> Each group of students will meet with me or one of our support teachers to do a guided reading lesson while the other students are rotating through literacy centers.

Students will be responsible for reading 20 minutes a night for homework. This will include Raz Kids time as well. I will post a reading log on my blog that should be turned in at the end of each week.

MATH: Homework will be given daily that is tied to the day's lesson. Details will be posted on my blog. Students are required to memorize multiplication facts in third grade so there may be some additional practice sent home later in the year.

TECHNOLOGY: Quest Academy provides a technology rich environment. Technology is used daily to teach the curriculum. To learn more about Quest's Technology Curriculum please visit the school website/Our School/Curriculum.

GRADING: Students will be assessed informally as well as formally. Tests are given on all days of the week. However, most spelling, vocabulary, and grammar tests are given on Fridays. Grades will be updated regularly for your review online. Please contact the office staff if you need assistance in accessing the online grades.

Numeric Mark:	Percent:	Numeric Mark:	Percent:
4	96%	3.7	92%
3.5	88%	3.2	84%
3	80%	2.7	76%
2.5	72%	2.2	68%
2	64%	1.7	60%
1.5	56%	1.2	52%
1	51%-0%		

MAKE-UP WORK: If a test is missed, the student will receive a reasonable time period to make up the test with the teacher's assistance. Not all class experiences can be made up at home so other assignments may be given to replace missed class time.

REWARD AND DISCIPLINE SYSTEM: Our class will be a money system to track behavior. Money will be rewarded and revoked according to behavior. Their money will be saved in their banks for an opportunity to "buy" privileges and prizes at the end of each week.

## Money System

I can earn money for...

- Being on time
- Turing in homework on time
- Completing work on time
- Keeping desk area clean
- Good behavior
- Completing my job

I will pay money for...

- Using the bathroom during instruction
- Being tardy
- Sharpening pencil during instruction
- Late homework
- Not doing my job
- Misbehaving
- Messy desk area

TUTORING: We will have 3<sup>rd</sup> grade tutoring Monday-Thursday from 3:00-3:30.

RESTROOM PROCEDURES: Students should use the restroom before school, lunch recess, and afternoon recess. Please encourage your child to use the restroom during these times so that the classroom learning and teaching is not interrupted. I am very understanding in emergency situations. Students will be required to pay from their bank to use the bathroom during teach time.

UNIFORM POLICY: See the Quest Academy Parent Handbook for the policy. Please ensure that your student is in compliance with the school uniform policy.

DONATIONS: In order to enrich your child's educational experience, I ask for voluntary donations of supplies. Needed classroom supplies are found the classroom blog. Prizes for the weekly store are also very appreciated. Additionally, donation of your time is critical to the class. A sign-up sheet will be provided on back-to-school night and will be available on the blog. Volunteer Sign Up

BIRTHDAYS: If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday by sending items to school, you may bring <u>non-food items</u> for all of the students in the class to be distributed toward the end of the day.

Summer birthdays will be celebrated in the last month of the school year (May). Do NOT send birthday invitations to school unless you are inviting the whole class.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have any questions regarding your child, please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:nyoung@questac.org">nyoung@questac.org</a>. I will also be using an app to help stay in contact. It is called Bloomz. Bloomz is a new app that works on both your smartphone as well as on your computer. You will receive quick updates and photos of class activities, be able to access our class calendar, and more. All in a private and secure environment.

Join using a web browser:

- 1. Go to bloomz.net and click "Join Bloomz"
- 2. In the text box, enter KHRMJ2
- 3. Create your account

Join using text messaging:

1. Text @KHRMJ2 to 1-858-256-6691

I would love to have our whole class signed up before back to school night.

Disclosure Signatures				
Please sign below and return the bottom portion of the disclosure to indicate that you have read this disclosure document.				
I have read and discussed Ms. Young's disclosure	document with my child.			
Parent Signature	Date			
Student Signature	Date			