

# Back To School Night 21-22

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Mr. Montero's Class

## ***Contact Info***

Van Buren website [Van Buren Elementary / Homepage \(stocktonusd.net\)](https://www.stocktonusd.net/VanBuren)

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Remind <https://www.remind.com/join/ag2fbh> (Texts me messages so I can respond quickly)

My email: [jmontero@stocktonusd.net](mailto:jmontero@stocktonusd.net) (Goes to my phone so I can respond outside of school hours)

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I use Class Dojo, and many students were already using it last year so it should have automatically connected parents, so anyone who is not connected, let me know and I will email or text you the invite. If you are not familiar with Class Dojo it is a website (there is also a free app for both Android and iPhone users) that allows messages to be sent back and forth between me and parents. I can also post updates and information, and as the year gets going, it will be your way to see in real time how your child is doing. I award and remove points for good and bad behavior, and these do not impact grades, but it lets parents or guardians see how their child is behaving.

# Curriculum

We have Benchmark for Language Arts, iReady for Math, Studies Weekly for Social Studies, and Houghton Mifflin for Science. All of these are available to be looked at through the Quick Links page on your child's laptop.

There are times computers need to be used for work, but I generally have students doing work on paper when possible. We have actual books for math, language arts, and science, and social studies comes as a weekly newspaper and we will use all of these, but occasionally working online as well in Google Classroom.

# Expectations and Philosophy

I posted on my teacher page a copy of the expectations I went over on the first day with my students. The class knows I am not their babysitter. Even the hardest working kids came out of last year behind, and I am going to teach my kids 5th grade material regardless of what level they are at, but I will help them any and every way I can. I expect a lot because every student can be successful, no one is born smart, it only happens when people work to make it happen, and every student can. Whatever has happened in the past, when we walked into our room on day 1 we became a team. We all work together, respect each other, help each other.