



School-wide [New River Elementary School Website](#)

Weekly school newsletters on facebook, twitter and school messenger

Teacher website

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Best time to reach me is before and after school and the best way to reach me is by email.

My main modes of communication: (Folders travel to and from school daily)

Homework will be in the student's daily folder. Any graded work will be in the Friday Folders.

Behavior for the day will be recorded on their PAWS sheets located in their daily folders.

o Resources for you and parents:

[DVUSD Math Resources for Parents](#)

[DVUSD English Language Arts Resources for Parents](#)

[DVUSD Social Studies Resources for Parents](#)

[DVUSD Science Resources for Parents](#)

## What is Depth of Knowledge (DOK)?

All students are taught to follow the CATS expectations: Constantly Caring, Always Respectful, Today's Citizen, Safety First. These expectations are outlined in this CATS Matrix. Students earn Wildcats Bucks for demonstrating these expectations that they can use to purchase items or experience coupons in the Wildcat Den.

We have implemented a philosophy called "All Things EQ." IQ is your book smarts or school smarts. EQ is your emotional quotient or self-smarts. The EQ philosophy focuses on the following key questions: How can I be kind and helpful in this moment?

How are you showing up at school today?

Am I making an honest effort?

Am I focusing on solutions instead of problems?

In addition, each teacher is holding class meetings every Friday, showing videos that focus on the four key questions and we have daily announcements focused on the core questions and weekly motto.

Most Fridays, students will be released early so that we are able to participate in PLC work. This work is directly related to the planning, instruction and interventions we implement in our classrooms to áabyn



