

Welcome to First Grade!

Welcome! I look forward to working with you and your child during the coming year. We will be strengthening our reading and writing skills, and we will explore many different concepts in math, social studies, and science.

A Few Procedures

1. The school day begins PROMPTLY at 9:00 A.M. The first bell in the morning is at 8:55 and we will begin walking into the building from our line up spot at that time. Dismissal will be at 3:35 P.M. School will be dismissed on the last day of each week at 1:00 P.M. Please be sure that your child knows in advance how they are getting home from school each day- bus, walking, or car. Also, please be sure to list anyone who will be picking up your child on the information you fill out for the office.

Monday through Thursday we go to lunch/lunch recess from 11:50 to 12:25. On Friday we go to lunch/lunch recess from 11:25 to 12:00.

2. If your child is learning a new bus number/stop, carpool, or walking route, please review and practice with them before they come to school the first day. This will help them feel more secure in a new situation.

3. Please label everything your child wears/brings to school with them. Many coats and backpacks look the same and are forgotten in various places throughout the school year.

4. Everyday your child will bring home a blue folder. Inside you will find important school notes and your child's homework. This is also where you put notes that you are sending to school for me to read. The front of your child's folder is clear plastic. Please put all notes for me in that part of the folder. Please take a moment each day to check the folder and send the folder back to school each day with your child. I feel that it is very important to have open communication daily between home and school.

5. Homework will be sent home on Monday to be returned on Friday. Please take about 15-20 minutes each night to read with your child and help them with homework. This shows that their education is important to you and reinforces many difficult concepts that are covered in class. It is important that your child reads 15 to 20 minutes each night because this is one of the most effective ways to help them become better readers. They may read books I send home, books you have at home, or books you pick up from the public library.

6. We love birthdays! If you would like to send a treat on your child's birthday, it must be store-bought and individually wrapped (i.e. no boxes of donuts or cupcakes). Please make sure that the treats do not contain tree nuts/peanuts or are processed in a facility that processes other food items with nuts. Treats should be sent to school with your child in the morning. Non-food items are a great alternative as treats. Some ideas could be pencils, erasers, stickers etc.

7. It is important that your child knows their phone number and address as a safety precaution. Please practice these two things with them as much as needed. Also, please help your child practice tying their shoes if you are going to send them in laces, otherwise please consider shoes that your child can put on without help.

8. We do not have a drinking fountain in our room. ***Please send a spill proof water bottle with your child to school each day.***

9. There will be a "Star Student" each week! The "star student" will be chosen based on character values such as "citizenship, responsibility, respect, etc.". Each person will have a turn at some point in the school year. This is a fun way for us to get to know each person in our class better. The week before your child is going to be Star Student, a blue box will be sent home with a note explaining what to do. Please return the blue box to school with your child the following Monday so that they can have an exciting week.

I look forward to a wonderful school year with you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. The best way to reach me is through email.

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Thank you,

Mrs. Jensen