

First Grade Information

Daily Schedule:

8:15 – Campus Opens

8:35 – First Bell Rings

8:40 – Tardy Bell Rings

11:10-11:40 – Lunch and Recess

1:00 – Break

2:00 – Specials

3:10 – Dismissal

Specials:

Day 1 – PE

Day 2 – Music

Day 3 – Library

Day 4 – PE

Day 5 – Music

Day 6 – Technology

Attendance:

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school at (480) 224-3600. You may also contact me if you would like, but it is not required. If your child is late, you must take him or her to the office for a tardy slip. I ask that you do your very best to get your child to school on time every day. Missing school unnecessarily or being consistently tardy means your child is missing valuable instruction time. If your child will be going home a different way than usual, please let myself AND the office know ahead of time. This way I know where to send him/her for dismissal. If you have a change of dismissal during the day, please contact the office and they will let me know.

Homework:

First graders will receive a homework packet every Monday. The packet will consist of spelling words to study and a page of homework each night. The packet stays home during the week and is brought back to school on Friday. Please make sure that your child is reading each night at home as well.

Behavior Plan:

Your child's success is very important to me. To create and maintain a positive and safe learning environment, we will implement Bucket Fillers. A bucket filler is someone who shows positive character traits and is being a responsible citizen. When your child shows these traits, they can "fill their bucket". When a bucket is full, it will have 15 "kindness clouds." This will allow a trip to the treasure box. However sometimes choices are made that are not filling a bucket. If that is the case, then your child will "dip" into their bucket and turn in a cloud. A behavior chart will be in your child's first grade binder to let you know how your child did that day.

If a behavior has been shown that needs a consequence, your child may need to miss part of a recess. When this happens, he/she will fill out a reflection form that will be sent home for you to sign and return.

Rewards: I am a strong believer in positive reinforcement! Some of the rewards in our class include: positive phone calls and notes home, stickers, group rewards, whole class rewards, and lots of praise!

Fun Friday:

Each week we will have Fun Friday at the end of the week. Your child will be able to participate if they have been a bucket filler and shown good behavior all week. They will also be able to participate if homework is turned in. If homework is not finished or not turned in, then your child will be completing it during Fun Friday and can participate when it is finished. You will be notified if your child is not able to participate and the reason why.

This and That:

Book Orders: Scholastic book orders will be sent home monthly. Orders are placed online and the books are delivered to school. This is a wonderful way to build your child's personal library!

Snack: We will have a snack break every afternoon during recess. In first grade students bring in their own snacks and it's completely optional. If you choose to send in a snack for your child, please make sure it is healthy and something that they can open independently.

Birthdays: **Store bought treats** may be brought to school to celebrate your child's birthday. (No nuts please.) It is very helpful if they are individually prepackaged by the manufacturer. We will celebrate your child during our afternoon snack break.

Water Bottles: Please bring a water bottle every day. Only water should be in the water bottle (no juice drinks or Gatorade).