



Week of August 23, 2021

Hello First Grade Families,

This was sent out via email. Just in case you didn't receive it, here is a copy of the email.

Our first full week is **now** complete, and it has been a joy to get to know the students! They are a great group of children and I am truly blessed to be their teacher! The children have been getting to know all the guidelines and what works well so that everyone can have a great school year in first grade.

Warm Fuzzies for students: As incentive or encouragement, I give the children a warm fuzzy when I catch them making great choices or for doing a great job (anything positive I see them doing or saying). They get to go to the prize box when they get 20 warm fuzzies. Warm fuzzies do get removed if poor choices are being made.

The children having been learning about responsibilities, too. With that, we have what is called Super Helpers (it goes with our superhero theme) The helpers will have something they are responsible for a whole week.

We have our prayer person, line leader, door holder, pledges (flags), Librarian (in charge of the care of our class reading books), caboose and substitute (in the event that a helper is absent) Please note at line up time (no matter when it is) for a week the line leader will always be the first person in line, the door person is second and the caboose will always be the last person. The children are still learning to use their words and sometimes there can be confusion at line up time. I assure you that we have been going over these types of things daily so that everyone understands what is happening. Please encourage your child at home to use their words and follow the hands-off policy each day.

On Thursday, your child came home with a sharing bag that needs to be brought back, Friday, 8/20/21. Also, please have your child bring back their Blue Friday folder with the "getting to know your child" & "All About Me" pages enclosed if you haven't done so all ready. Thank you for those who have returned them early.

Most of the week has been spent on the reading assessment for each student, a beginning of the school year math test and E.L.A (English Language Arts) benchmark tests so that we can get an idea as to how everyone is doing. This helps us prep for the upcoming days and weeks ahead.

Next week we will start our normal routines for the day. We start out with prayer, Bible (except chapel day on Wednesday), E.L.A., morning recess, Math, Lunch/Recess, Social Studies &/or Science. There is a brief afternoon recess on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. (Non P.E. days)

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Your child will come home with their Friday folder each week. Tomorrow's folder will include:

- 1) "Ride the Word Waves" on the light blue paper. The details are on the page.*
- 2) First Grade Homework packet along with the bright pink weekly reading log on the very front of the homework packet. Homework packets are due back by the following Friday at the latest.*
- 3) Graded work that should be reviewed with your child and kept at home unless there's a note asking for it to be returned.*

Spelling List 1: am, at, sat, man, dad, mat ***The first spelling test will be Friday, August 27th*** Please make sure your child practices the words every day. They can say-spell-say. (Say the word, spell the word and then say the word again) Doing this in the car is fun and you can make a game out of learning each word, too!

Bible Verse: "I praise You for I am . . . wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works." Psalm 139:14 ***the students aren't required to memorize the verse unless you'd like them to*** They do need to draw a picture about their Bible verse. (It's inside the homework packet.)

Please know that I am here for you, your family and your child's spiritual and academic success. This is my 15th year teaching & I am passionate about what I do as a teacher. I am happy to help in any way I can should anything come up. Please reach out via email and I will respond as soon as I can. If you need to have a conversation with me, please email me and we will set an appointment to do so.

Please make sure you email me in the event that your child won't be at school due to illness, they are being picked up early or if your child will be out due to a family vacation.

Thank you in advance for all your support and I am looking forward to an amazing year!

Lovingly Serving Him,

Mrs. Beall