

**Miss Mathews 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Combo Class**  
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The children have really started to learn the routine of the classroom. It is very different from a traditional classroom. We are learning that we have a lot of independent work and that we can do it! Please make sure you are talking with your children about being a good listener, staying on task during class work, and following directions the first time. This week we focused on assessments. We took one on one reading assessments, and benchmark tests in ELA, Math, Science and History. This helps me focus on concepts that the class struggled with last year.

**Welcome Ms. Judy:** Our class is very special; we have a teacher who comes in to do reading with our class. Her name is Ms. Judy. Ms. Judy is a reading specialist with many years of experience. In fact, she was one of my teachers when I was younger. Ms. Judy will be starting next week on Monday.

**Sight Words:** This Friday, sight words will be going home. Please practice these with your children every night. When they can read them without hesitation, they may bring them back to school to read to a teacher. If they can read all of the words, they will move on to the next sight words. Any child who completes all the sight words, will get to have a pizza party at the end of the year!

**Parent Grading:** If you would like to be put on a list to grade papers for me, please send me an email and let me know. I will send work home to be graded with parents who volunteer. This is a great way to earn partnership hours. Keep track of the time and date and add it to your partnership hours' form and I will sign off on it.

**Class Supplies/Partnership Hours:** Everyone is responsible for partnership hours. If you purchase any of these, please make sure to keep the receipt and attach it to your partnership hours' form. Here are some things we need for our class that can be used for partnership hours:

- Clorox wipes
- Lysol or microban spray
- Table cleaner such as microban, 409, Pinesol, Clorox Clean-up, etc.
- Binder sheet protectors (can be bought on amazon or in stores like Walmart, target, etc.)
- Copy paper
- Treasure box toys (these can be bought at the dollar store- small toys, playdough, pencils, stickers, or anything else you can think of)

**Class Birthdays:** We love birthdays in our class. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday, let me know when it gets close. You can choose what you'd like to do: cupcakes, cookies, pizza party, goodies or anything else you can think of.

**School Uniform:** Please remember that your child needs to be in their school uniform. If you need some help on what each uniform looks like, see the handbook or call the office and set up a time to go to the clothes closet and look at the pictures. Here are the days for our class:

Monday: Normal school uniform

Tuesday: PE Day

Wednesday: Chapel uniform

Thursday: Normal school uniform

Friday: PE Day

Blessings,

Miss Mathews

**Important Dates:**

9/5: No School- Labor Day

9/6: Apples for the Arts Fundraiser

9/14: Picture Day- Chapel Dress

**First Grade Spelling Words (Words with short a):**

1. am
2. at
3. sat
4. man
5. dad
6. mat

**Second Grade Spelling Words (Words with short vowel a, i):**

7. sad
8. dig
9. jam
10. glad
11. list
12. win
13. flat
14. if
15. fix
16. rip
17. kit
18. mask
19. as
20. his

## **Challenge words**

1. sandwich
2. picnic

## **Bible Verse (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>):**

“The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4

## **Updated Class Schedule:**

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00-8:20 Morning Work

8:20-9:50 ELA Groups

8:30-9:00 Chapel (Wednesday Only)

9:50-10:15 Snack/Recess

10:15-10:40 Calendar

10:40-11:40 Science(Mon/Wed)/PE(Tues/Fri)

11:40-12:20 Lunch

12:20-12:50 Bible/Quiet Reading

12:50-1:30 Math Groups

1:30-2:00 History(Mon/Wed)/Handwriting(Tues)

1:15-2:00 Art (Friday Only)

2:00-2:15 Recess

2:30 Dismissal

Thursday:

8:00-8:20 Morning Work

8:20-9:00 Bible

9:00-9:15 Recess

9:15-10:15 Music

10:15-10:30 Snack

10:30-11:40 ELA Groups

11:40-12:20 Lunch

12:20-1:00 Math

1:00-1:40 Science

1:40-2:00 Handwriting

2:00-2:15 Recess

2:30 Dismissal