

Mrs. Burk's First Grade 2020 - 2021

Welcome to a new school year. I am very excited to be working with your child at this special time in their life. In first grade your child will learn the vital and fundamental skills of reading, mathematics, and social behavior.



I believe that children have a desire to work and behave appropriately as we clearly communicate those expectations to them. I reinforce the importance of building stamina (time on task) so that I can do my job -



*teach your children, and they can do their job - learn. We are all entitled to a safe, learning atmosphere which will help us accomplish our jobs. **Please be patient as we all learn the social norms for distancing and hygiene routines.***

Hybrid Schedule: *During the first two weeks of school or longer, I will be explicitly teaching and practicing face-to-face and distance learning. I will ensure that students are prepared to work at home when your children are ready - sometime after Labor Day. Until then, I will send paper assignments.*

First Day of School: *August 25th or 26th your child is expected to arrive wearing a face mask at 8:40 to line up at the west end of our building on a circle to help with distancing. Teachers will be there to greet the students. Your child will leave to go home in the same area. Please make sure to let those who need to meet up your child have this information. All students will be provided a mask. If you need it before the first day, contact the school for an appointment.*

Sick or ill students *need to stay home. If your child is or becomes ill at school, they will be escorted to the health room and you will be contacted.*

Class Rules

#1 Behave

- * Treat others kindly*
- * Stay in personal space.*
- * Take turns.*
- * Work and move about quietly.*
- * Raise hand to share your ideas.*

#2 Do Your Best

- * Participate*
- * Listen to instructions.*
- * Complete and do your own work neatly and in a timely manner.*



Consequences for following class rules:

Praise, smiles, cheers, and 'thumbs-up'. Feeling good - knowing that you are helping yourself and others. Individual prizes every 25 days of school. Card stays green & one kernel of popcorn will be put in party jar.



Consequences for not following class rules:

- 1 Reminded of expected behavior.*
- 2 Recite class rule and show proper behavior.*
- 3 Put head down.*
- 4 Miss a recess or specialty class.*
- 5 Parents contacted for further consequences.*
- 6 Visit with Mrs. Thomas or Mr. Spencer.*

By the end of First Grade your child will be expected to fluently read 1st grade passages and 107 Zeno sight words, write sentences using legible handwriting and correctly write the numbers 1 to 120.

Drinking Fountain & Restroom visits are to take place during recesses. Students will be excused from class upon request only as needed.

Homework Review any papers from school and redo when needed. Have your child **read** for 20 minutes daily (100 total minutes per week) including 5-10 Zeno sight words per week. Record their minutes in CANVAS.

Birthdays You are welcome to come to our classroom to help us celebrate your child's birthday (under strict regulations) or you may send: photos, favorite book, token or prize, etc. Treats are discouraged due to Covid-19, severe allergies, and sugar intolerance of some students. If sent, treats need to be store bought and individually wrapped. (No donuts, cupcakes, etc.) Summer birthdays will be celebrated near your child's half-birthday.

Parent Help Your service will be greatly appreciated. Information will be sent once the school has protocols in place.

Donations Disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, snack sized Zip-loc bags and tissues.

☺ Let's make this a very successful year for all of us! ☺

Sincerely,

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