



Dear Families,

Welcome to first grade! We are so glad you are part of our class and look forward to partnering with you to help your child both enjoy and succeed in everything he or she will learn this year.

Curriculum: All first grade students will be studying topics and concepts required by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The first grade teachers at our school plan collaboratively so that all first grade students are exposed to the same curriculum and learning opportunities. Every day students will receive instruction in reading, writing, math, and science/social studies.

Communication: You can get in touch with me by note, email, or office call. I will make every effort to reply promptly. You will receive a weekly newsletter informing you about upcoming events and what we are learning in class. A newsletter will be posted on my website bi-weekly. Our class website is www.tysonsclass.weebly.com

Weekly Folders: Each Monday a weekly folder will be sent home containing your child's completed work from the previous week. Please let your child share this work with you, review and discuss any written comments. Papers marked with a "P" indicate it was just a practice activity. Papers marked with an "A" indicate it was an important assessment.

Homework: Each Monday a new homework contract will be sent home in your child's daily folder. The students will have homework Monday through Thursday each week. The contract outlines what night students may want to complete their homework, and they should turn all assigned homework in stapled together on Fridays.

Behavior: As your child enters the first grade he/she will be held to very high expectations. My assistant and I will provide a caring and nurturing environment while encouraging your child to be a risk taker and critical thinker. Good behavior is an important part of such high expectations. All students at Timber Drive are expected to H.O.W.L. which stands for (H) Have respect for self, others, and property. (O) Own Your Actions. (W) Work hard every day. (L) Listen and follow directions. During the first few weeks of school we will be talking a lot about what each of these letters means specifically and what it would look like throughout the school building.

I also LOVE to reward those students that always go far and beyond the normal school and class expectations. If I see a student doing so, I ask them to move their clip UP on the chart. A student that makes it to PINK earns a jewel on their clip. 5 jewels makes it to the HALL OF FAME! *it's kind of a big deal*

Snack: Each child is responsible for bringing his/her own snacks each day. Parents are encouraged to send nutritious snacks such as fruit, crackers, or vegetables. This helps to keep the children energized and focused throughout the day.



Birthdays: I am all about celebrating a birthday! If you would like to send some treats for your child's birthday, you are more than welcome to! Just make sure that it is NOT homemade-it needs to be store bought. It is school board policy.

Lunch: At this time, I do not know what time we will be eating lunch. I will let you know in the first newsletter. I encourage you to join your child for lunch. There are special seats available for you and your child to sit and enjoy your time together. If you choose to join us, please meet us at the cafeteria and say goodbye before we go back to the classroom. This allows each child to prepare for the afternoon while walking back to class.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for all of your help and support!!

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