

Welcome to our 2023-2024 School Year!

Welcome to first grade! I am looking forward to spending the next school year with your first grader.

Please look over the items in this packet. Remember that it is possible for some of the procedures to be modified or changed during the year.

If you ever have questions, or concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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welcome to first grade!!

Classroom Management-The Lewy way

First graders and the entire school will be following The Lewy Way this year. More information to follow.

Take Home Folder

Folders will go home each night. Please check for homework and other notes. Notes on the LEAVE AT HOME side are for you to keep. The RETURN TO SCHOOL side should be sent back. Any notes for school should be put in the folder. Some of the forms will be for optional activities and do not need to be returned. Friday's folder will contain the week's corrected work for you to look at and keep at home.

Homework

Homework is an excellent way to practice what has been taught. There will be homework on Monday through Thursday. Any work that does not get finished in school, will be sent home to finish. Homework should not take more than 30 minutes a night. Children should be reading EVERY NIGHT whether or not reading work has been assigned. No homework is assigned on Friday. Enjoy your weekend!

Classroom Newsletter

A weekly classroom newsletter will be sent home on Fridays. Please look it over for information about what we are doing and learning in class.

Reading

Monthly reading logs will be sent home. Please X off the days read and return. There is no need to keep a list of books or minutes read. (I, like many of you, read to my children at night, and then at the last minute had to go back and fill in a month's worth of reading titles! I believe in KEEPING IT SIMPLE!)

PLEASE READ EVERY NIGHT!!! It doesn't matter if you read, listen to your child read, or if your child reads independently. Reading is so important for school success. Logs that are returned will receive a small reward.

Library

Students will go to the Library on Mondays. Two books may be checked out at a time, to be returned the next week.

Grading

Assigned work needs to be completed on time. If it is not, it will be completed the next day. Depending on our schedule, it may be finished at recess or in class. If there is an issue, parents will be contacted.

We use Standard Based Grading, which involves using a 1, 2, or 3 grading system: 3-I can do the work myself

2-I can do the work with help

1-I don't understand the work yet.

Mass

We will attend Mass on Wednesdays and on Holy Days. Remember that maroon polo shirts and khaki bottoms need to be worn on

Mass days. **No shorts** for Mass, however, in warm weather shorts may be changed into after Mass.

Recess

Recess will be outside 2 or 3 times each day. Please be sure your child has weather appropriate clothing. On rainy or very cold days, recess will be inside.

Healthy Children

In order for your child to have a great year, it is important that he/she is healthy. Please keep your child home if an illness/fever is present. Medications need to be kept in the office along with a medication form. Cough drops may be kept for me to distribute in the classroom only if I have communication from you. (a note, email, call) Please make sure that your child eats a good breakfast and gets enough sleep. Mayo Clinic recommends 9-11 hours of sleep from school aged children.

Snacks and Lunches

We have a morning snack each day. Milk is available at that time. Please send a healthy snack daily, rather than a box for the entire week.

Hot lunch or milk with cold lunch is available daily.

Birthday Snacks

Birthdays are special days for first graders. We will do a class celebration in the afternoon. If you wish to send treats,

prepackaged food or pre bagged preferred! (We'll be in touch for summer birthdays.)

Room Parents and Parent Help

During the year, we will celebrate special days and holidays. Room parents will be contacted to provide treats. Room parents will also be in charge of the first grade class Dinner Auction item.

Change of After School Pick Up

If your child's usual going home transportation mode or pick up time changes, **be sure to call the office**. Mrs. Hively does a great job of announcing transportation changes at the end of the day. You can also let me know by note or email in addition to the office.

Contacting Me

If you need to contact me, I prefer emails since I can easily respond during the school day. However, if you would like to talk with me in person or by phone, please let me know when it would be a convenient time for a phone call or in person meeting.

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