



First Grade Procedures 2011-2012

We have had a good beginning to the school year, and we anticipate having a great year together. We would like to inform you of a few things about our procedures that you may find helpful.

Tardies and Absences

Children are marked tardy if they enter class after 8:10. Tardies and absences are entered on the report card each quarter. Children do get off to a good start when they arrive at school on time, and they can become settled before class begins. If students do arrive after 8:20, Mrs. Dobles will call them over and give them an “admit to class slip”. The student should also tell her if he or she is having the school lunch that day.

When children return to school after being absent, an excuse note should always accompany them. If students are absent for more than one day, please arrange for someone to take work home to them.

Reading Groups

Our class is divided into four groups for reading. Children enter First Grade at many different levels, and grouping provides flexibility. Children may move from one group to another during the year as they progress or need reinforcement. Throughout the year, students will receive reading vocabulary lists. Please go over these words frequently with your child as it does make a difference in their reading performance.

Mass

Mass for Grades 1-4 is on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Throughout the year, your child may have an opportunity to read petitions for the Mass or carry gifts, etc. Please stress the importance of attentiveness and reverence in Church. When there is an All School Mass there will not be a Grade 1-4 Mass that week.

Library

Monday is our Library day. Children may check out two books each week provided they have returned the two books from the previous week. Please help your child to find a safe place at home where the books can be kept.

Music, Physical Education, and Spanish

Our students will have Music on Tuesdays and Fridays, and Physical Education on Mondays and Thursdays. Spanish will be on Wednesdays. Students should always wear their tennis shoes on P.E. days. Students receive grades in these three subjects, and should put forth as much effort in those classes as they do in their homeroom.

Computer

We will have Computer class with Mrs. Fleming on Tuesdays. The lessons taught in the computer lab are based on skills that are being taught in the classroom.

Cold Weather

We have outdoor recess usually once a day unless it is bitterly cold, raining, or snowing. Students should wear all the necessary warm clothing needed in order to be comfortable outside.

Birthdays

When students have birthdays, they may bring pencils, stickers, etc. for the class, however, do not feel obligated to do so. Students are not to bring edible treats. If students want to include their teacher/teacher assistant, please send only for the homeroom teachers. Please do not send birthday invitations to school.

Supplies

Please check with your child from time to time to see if school supplies need to be replenished. Please label all supplies and especially coats and sweatshirts.

Teacher Assistant

Mrs. Cindy Masters is our Teacher Assistant. She will assist in Reading and Math, as well as working one-on-one with students as needed. We are so grateful for her expertise.

Art

We have Art on Friday afternoons. We study six master artists during the year (Georges Seurat, Grandma Moses, Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee, Claude Monet, and Mary Cassatt.) We will also be doing some crafts.

Thank you for all of your kindnesses and cooperation. Please feel free to contact us over any concerns you may have this year.

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Cuadrado
Mrs. Masters**