

First Grade Information

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to First Grade! My name is Liz Delluomo. I hold a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. I am licensed by the state of Ohio to teach PRE K & Kindergarten – Eighth Grade. I'm a Highly Qualified Teacher because I graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, and I passed the Praxis II Test required to become a certified teacher. This year we have 2 Teacher Assistants: Ms. Prewitt and Mrs. Nowicki. We are all excited about this upcoming school year, and look forward to teaching your child. Below I have outlined some important material that will help you see what is happening in our classroom. Please read the below information, and if you have any questions feel free to contact me to set up a time to discuss your questions. You can also email me at the following address: foraker@wpcschoo.org and I will respond to your email as soon as possible.

A. Math:

The students will continue working with the Saxon Math Program. The program has a lot of hands on learning activities. This is a great way to introduce and reinforce the math concepts that your child will learn in first grade. Please work with your child on mastering their basic math facts. Each night your child needs to practice their addition and subtraction facts.

B. Reading/Language Arts/Phonics

The students will be working with HORIZONS. The students will be learning the letters and their sounds. They will be reading daily in the classroom. We will be learning about the different parts of a story, comprehending what we read, and we will be working on creating our own stories this year. We will be writing daily in the classroom. The students will be able to write their own sentences and stories by the end of first grade! Sight words will be tested each week. The NO EXCUSE LIST will be tested at the end of each grading period. This year we are starting a portfolio for your child's language work. Your child will be involved in selecting his or her best work to put in their portfolio.

C. Spelling/Handwriting:

Weekly spelling tests will be given on Friday. We will also be having a pre-test on Thursday. If your child **does** get a 100% on the pre-test they **will not** be required to take the Friday test. We will be practicing our handwriting daily in the classroom.

D. Homework:

A sheet will be sent home each Monday giving the homework for the whole week. Please check it daily, sign it, and return it to school on Friday. Homework is due in the morning. **If the homework is not turned in first thing in the morning they will have to move their stick.** Daily homework time will be approximately 25-35 minutes.

- **YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE HOMEWORK MONDAY – THURSDAY UNLESS WE WRITE A NOTE TELLING YOU THERE IS NO HOMEWORK FOR THE NIGHT!**

E. Behavior:

Our classroom behavior plan consists of rules. There are consequences when rules are broken, along with rewards when the rules are followed.

On the wall we have 4 columns represented by the 4 color cards. Your child's name is on a stick that will be under the Blue card each day. If your child does something that requires them to move their stick they will move to the Orange card. If the inappropriate behavior continues the stick will be moved to the Green card. The last column is Red and this card will result in a note or phone call to the parent informing them of the behavior. The note needs to be signed and returned to school the following day.

If your child receives 3 RED Faces in a month they will be sent up to the office. You will be notified so that we can discuss a behavior plan that will help your child improve on his/her own behavior. Each day your child will bring

home a behavior note telling you what color they were on that day.

- **Blue Card** - Super Good Day
- **Orange Card** - Good Day
- **Green Card** – Loss of Recess
- **Red Card** – Note/Phone Call Home

The students were given a sticker chart to keep in their Stay at School Folder. The student's goal is to try to fill up the sticker chart. When the chart is filled they will get to pick out of the prize box. They will then be given another chart to fill up. They can earn stickers by:

- Staying on Blue all day
- Doing neat work
- Helping out in the classroom
- Being complimented by another teacher
- Completing work on time

F. Special Classes

The students will have the following special classes on the following days. These are subject to change during the year, please be aware of any changes. **Art shirts are required for Art Class. If your child does not have his/her art shirt they will have to move their stick.**

- **Monday:** Music
- **Wednesday/Friday:** Art
- **Tuesday/Thursday:** Gym (Wear your gym uniform to school)

Have a great year everyone 😊

😊 Mrs. Delluomo, Mrs. Nowicki, & Ms. Prewitt

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SIGN AND RETURN THE NEXT PAGE BY **TUESDAY 9-04-07**

