

Welcome
To
First Grade



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Schedule

Drop off: 7:45am-8:00am

School begins: 8:00am

Lunch: 12pm

Recess: 12:30pm

Dismissal: 2:45pm

Weekly Specials Classes

Monday- Art

Wednesday- STEM

Thursday - Gym

Friday: Mass & Music

Safety: Please take some time to view the SJRS COVID -19 Safety Plan. We will take time to teach and practice the school's safety procedures. Please review with your student at home how to properly wear a mask, wash their hands, use hand sanitizer, how to cough or sneeze into your elbow, and how to dispose of a dirty tissue. Students should bring hand sanitizer and tissues to keep at their desk.

Use of Technology: We will be using technology in the classroom daily. First grade students will be assigned an iPad to use during the school day. These iPads will not go home. They will be disinfected and charged at school nightly. We will be using Google Classroom as our "online classroom". It is important that you check Google classroom nightly for homework assignments, daily behavior calendar, and other important announcements. I will be using Remind as an additional communication tool. All students will receive an information sheet with log-ins and passwords for all programs that will be used. Virtual students will receive additional communication regarding supplies, attendance, etc.

Supplies: Supplies needed for the first day of school are: sharpened pencils, a plastic SHOE box (The students need a plastic shoe box instead of a school box. Due to new precautions, the children will not be sharing supplies. Each child will have their own box of supplies that they will keep at their desk, Milk crate or other plastic bin of that size, 3 folders with bottom pockets, erasers, a pencil sharpener (The children may keep a sharpener in their shoe box, if it has a lid), 2 Dry Erase Markers, Tissues and hand sanitizer, Personal Water bottle. (No spill please), Headphones for use in classroom. Please place in a resealable plastic bag with their name on it.

Donations of hand sanitizer, tissues, clorox wipes, paper towels are welcome.

Stationery Fee- There is a one-time fee of \$35.00. This includes copybooks, paper, writing journals, crayons, glue, paints, scissors etc. that your child will need for the entire year. Please send the fee in an envelope with your child's name on it within 2 weeks of the start of school.

Classroom Storage: Due to COVID-19 safety protocol, school cubbies cannot be used to store student's jackets, backpacks, etc.. We are asking that each student bring a milk crate to keep by their desk. This crate will hold the student's backpack, lunchbox, water bottle, and classroom supplies. Workbooks and copybooks will be stored in the desk. Jackets will hang on the back of student chairs or be placed into the backpack.)

Toys: Students are permitted to bring toys to play with during recess and playtime. No electronics. They will not be able to play with another child's toy. Please place the toy in a re-closable plastic bag with the student name on it. The toy will be kept in the student backpack during instruction time.

Snack and Lunch: All students need a morning snack and drink. Lunch will be TBD. All desks will be sanitized before and after snack and lunch. Students must be able to open their snacks and drinks.

Water Bottles: Students may bring a water bottle to school with them to keep at their desk as the water fountains will not be available to drink out of. I ask that the water bottles be spill proof. The bottle will be kept in the student's crate.

Student Belongings: Please make sure your child's name is on their clothing and all school supplies. (sweatshirts, sweaters, pencil boxes, crates, folders, etc).

Class Rules: Our class has four rules. We will spend a large amount of time at the beginning of the school year and throughout the school year discussing our classroom rules and what they mean. All children are expected to follow our classroom rules.

- Listen to the Teacher and all school staff.
- Be nice to others.
- Work and play safely.
- Clean up. Take care of our school and classroom.

Behavior Management: This year we will be using a digital sticker chart to document and communicate student behavior. Each student will have a behavior calendar posted on their Google Classroom page. They will be able to view their calendar only! The teacher will move a sticker to each calendar at the beginning of the day. If there is a problem, a comment will be placed on the calendar. On each student desk there is a chart with five smiley faces. If the student makes a poor choice, they will be asked to X out one or all of their smiley faces (depending on the severity of the behavior). If the student keeps at least one smiley face, they will keep the sticker on their calendar. Losing all smiley faces for the day results in having their calendar signed and not earning the sticker. If a student has earned all their stickers at the end of the month, they will receive a ticket. The tickets can be used to buy special prizes (extra play time, sticker, etc.). In addition to individual incentives, the class can earn a group prize. The class can earn a prize once they keep a designated number of stickers. They may vote to use the prize or continue to add stickers until they reach a bigger prize.

Religion: Our Catholic Faith is the center of our school. We begin and end each day with school prayer and classroom prayers. A copy of the prayers that we say throughout the day is in this handout. Students are expected to review the Religion classwork every night for homework. We will attend mass as scheduled. Dress uniform is required on mass days.

Handwriting: Handwriting is a part of the English Language Arts Curriculum. Size, space, shape, smoothness, and alignment are the five keys that are part of good penmanship. Please see attached forms for letter formation guides and detailed description of the five keys.

Reading: We use the Journeys Reading Series. The link to the series will be posted on Google Classroom and the school website/class page. Please use the link to access the reading stories. Textbooks will not be sent home. Word lists (vocabulary) will be posted on Google Classroom as well as the Comprehension activities we complete in class.

Phonics/Spelling: Phonics/Spelling: We will use Sadlier Phonics and Everyday spelling. The instruction includes beginning, middle, and ending sounds, short

and long vowels, vowel teams, blends, digraphs, and ending inflections (ed, ing, s, es). Spelling will not begin until October

Math: Math facts are attached to this handout. Please practice nightly. Students need to have rapid recall of facts (Addition to 10 and Subtraction from 10 or less). Other facts need to be solved quickly.

Science/Social Studies: Science and Social Studies assignments will be posted on google classroom. These will be project-based lessons which will include watching a power point presentation or video.

Homework: Your child will receive homework assignments via google classroom. Daily homework includes studying math facts, reviewing reading story, vocabulary, and religion, and an assignment on Google Classroom. There will be a homework check-in that needs to be completed daily on Google Classroom

Test Grades: Test Grades will be posted on Option C. If you have questions about a test grade, please contact me via email.

Report Cards: Will be issued three times a year.

Absences: For your child's safety please call the school office (570-668-2757) if your child is absent. Also, please send me an email and CC the office that your child will be absent. A note about your child's absence the day he/she returns to school.

Communication: Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions or concerns about your student. You may also call the school and leave a message for me and I will call you back. I do not always have time to check my email once the school day starts. If the message is something that I need to know before the end of the school day (change of dismissal, pick up, or other emergency), please call the office. Homework assignments, classroom information, and weekly classroom newsletters will be posted on google classroom.

Classroom Celebrations: Due to COVID -19 safety restrictions, food items or small party gifts are not permitted to be passed out or shared at school this year.

Remind App: I plan on using the remind app to communicate any important reminders. Join First Grade Gold 2020 Remind Group via text or email.

Text: Enter number 81010, message @ecbk38

How you can help your child

- See that your child eats well and gets plenty of rest
- Set aside special reading time to read to your child daily
- Have a specific place for your child to do homework
- Check Google Classroom Daily
- Help your child become independent and responsible. Get in the habit of letting your students pack their own backpack.
- Please review reading words/story and math facts daily.

Prayers

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

The Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Morning Offering (We will learn this later in the school year)

O Jesus, I offer you all I think, do, and say. Bless me and make me like you today.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us O Lord and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen

Grace After Meals

We give Thee thanks O Almighty God for these and all Your benefits and may the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Angel of God

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

Doxology (Glory Be)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

THE FIVE KEYS TO GOOD PENMANSHIP

- SIZE** The uniformity of letter size is important because it allows readers to distinguish between letters of similar height and width. There are three letter heights: that of the a, the b, and the d.
- SPACE** Adequate spacing is an important part of writing. There should be even spacing between the letters. On unlined paper, make sure you plan your letters carefully. Keep the first line an even distance from the top of the page. Keep each subsequent line an equal distance from the one above it.
- SHAPE** Letters should have basic, regular strokes. Lettering should look uniform and smooth. Letter forms should not be angular or overly rounded. Consistency of letters should be the goal throughout written work.
- SMOOTHNESS** Refers to the overall line quality of writing. Lines should be not too light or too heavy. Firm, clean-cut lines indicate a proper grip, proper motion, and rhythmic movement.
- ALIGNMENT** Consistent alignment is one of the most difficult tasks for students. This is a problem because students are used to writing on lined paper. The problem of alignment is in judging the relative position of the baseline and then resting all letters on this horizontal plane. The solution comes when students begin to acquire more skill with the fundamentals and their finer muscle tissue is developed.

Grade 1

Second Grade Students Should be Fluent in Addition and Subtraction Up to 12 (CC1.OA.6)

Some students will be able to go beyond expectations

$0 + 0 = 0$

$0 + 1 = 1$

$0 + 2 = 2$

$0 + 3 = 3$

$0 + 4 = 4$

$0 + 5 = 5$

$0 + 6 = 6$

$0 + 7 = 7$

$0 + 8 = 8$

$0 + 9 = 9$

$3 + 0 = 3$

$3 + 1 = 4$

$3 + 2 = 5$

$3 + 3 = 6$

$3 + 4 = 7$

$3 + 5 = 8$

$3 + 6 = 9$

$3 + 7 = 10$

$3 + 8 = 11$

$3 + 9 = 12$

$6 + 0 = 6$

$6 + 1 = 7$

$6 + 2 = 8$

$6 + 3 = 9$

$6 + 4 = 10$

$6 + 5 = 11$

$6 + 6 = 12$

$6 + 7 = 13$

$6 + 8 = 14$

$6 + 9 = 15$

$9 + 0 = 9$

$9 + 1 = 10$

$9 + 2 = 11$

$9 + 3 = 12$

$9 + 4 = 13$

$9 + 5 = 14$

$9 + 6 = 15$

$9 + 7 = 16$

$9 + 8 = 17$

$9 + 9 = 18$

$1 + 0 = 1$

$1 + 1 = 2$

$1 + 2 = 3$

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