

# First Grade Syllabus



**Mrs. Peters**



**2024-2025**

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome your child to the first grade. I have already enjoyed getting to know your precious child. Each student is so special. During the summer, I prayed that God would give me love for each student, and that He would prepare me to be the right teacher for each child that He would send me. This group of students is wonderful. I am anticipating a great year and would like to thank you for allowing me to teach your child.

These first days of school are going well. There are 9 students in our class. They had many questions the first days of school, but it will not take them long to adjust to being back in school all day. If you have any questions, please use GroupMe and/or call (580-774-5697) to communicate with me after school.

I am excited about starting this school year. I believe this will be a great year.

In Christ,

Mrs. Peters

## Class Verse

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

## Classroom Management Plan

Our classroom needs to be a place where the children feel loved, are safe, and can learn. The beginning weeks of school will be used to practice and learn our classroom rules. The classroom rules are as follows:

1. We will raise our hand and wait until called on to speak.
2. We will respect others and their property.
3. We will be fair, kind, and truthful to others.

The students will receive verbal positive reinforcement and “play money” when wanted behavior is noticed. The “play money” is used to buy things in our first grade “store.” When unwanted behavior occurs, the child will give me some of his or her play money. Other consequences for unwanted behavior are: receiving lunch detention, walking laps during recess, a note to his/her parents, and/or visiting the principal. These consequences are used when a child physically hurts another child or does nontypical first grade behavior. I do not consider your child a discipline problem, just because he or she may have to give up some “play money” or a little recess time. They are just learning how to respect others and follow classroom rules.

I believe children can do their best when there are consistent classroom rules, and they know what is expected from them.

## Drinks

The first graders need to drink water from a water bottle or container with a lid. In the classroom, the children should only drink water. Do not send Gatorade or flavored water, etc. They may drink these at lunch time. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, your child may bring or buy soda pop for lunch, but on the other days, we do not drink pop at lunch.



## Snacks

The first grade will have a snack every day around 9:30 AM. There will be a snack calendar for each month. The calendar lists the day that your child will bring a snack. The afternoon of the day before you are scheduled to bring a snack, I will send an empty snack tub home with your child, and the next day, he or she will return the basket with the snack.



## Take-Home Papers

Each day the first graders will bring home a folder, which will contain their finished and checked work. Take the completed work out of the folder, look at it, and put the empty folder in your child's backpack. This will save their papers from coming home all wadded up. Please send the folder and backpack to school every day.

# Homework



The first graders will have reading homework every Monday,

Tuesday, and Thursday. Reading homework will not start until the second week.

Your child or I will write down the assignment each day on a bookmark, which you

will find inside his or her reading book. After he or she has completed the

homework, one parent should sign his/her name or initials on the bookmark by the

page numbers. Students should read the assignment 3 times in a quiet place to one of

his/her parents. Parents should encourage good expression, speed, smoothness, and

accuracy. If your child does not know a word, the parent should say “sound it out.”

If the student still cannot read the word, you may tell them the word. It really

improves a child’s reading if he or she reads the same pages three times. Students

should spend **NO MORE** than 15 minutes on their homework. If a child does not

have his/her reading homework bookmark signed or if he/she forgets to read it at

home, the student will be asked to read it during recess or the next evening.

The first graders will have spelling homework every Monday starting the first

of September. The spelling homework will be sent home on Monday nights. Each

word is to be written one time and sent back to school the next day. If a child forgets

his/her homework or does not do it, he/she will be asked to write the words the next

day. Math flashcards are sent home as homework on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please go over the flashcards with your child and return them the next day.



## Bible Memory Work

Each week on Friday, the first grade students are asked to recite the Bible verse for that week. The verse will be recited individually to me at my desk, and each student will receive a grade. The reference also needs to be memorized. The verse will be practiced each day in class, and I would like your child to quote it to you once a day.

A good time to practice it is when you are praying with them before bed. You will find the verse on the First Grade Note, which lists all the things we will learn that week.

## Tests

During the weeks of school that have five days, I will follow this testing schedule:

Monday	No Tests
Tuesday	Writing Test
Wednesday	No Tests
Thursday	Math Test
Friday	Memory Verse Quiz and/or Bible Test (every other week) and Phonic Test. The Spelling Test is included in the Phonics test.

The tests will not start until we have completed two weeks of school. Your child does not need to study for the writing, math, or phonics tests unless I tell you that

he/she needs extra help. The spelling words and the Bible verse will need some practice at home. The graded tests will be sent home in the Tuesday folder. Please look at the tests, sign them (this is just so I know you had a chance to see them), and return them in the Tuesday folder.

## Braum's Reading Program

The Braum's Reading Program will start the first day of October. Each month a calendar will be sent home with the reading goal stated on it. Whenever the child has met the goal, a parent needs to sign and return the calendar to school. The child will receive a Braum's gift certificate for achieving the goal. You may return it earlier if it is finished. The student may do the reading, or a parent may read to him/her during the first semester. The reading homework assignment does not count for the Braum's Reading Program.

## Show-and-Tell

Show-and-Tell is the first Friday of each month. I will try to remind you in the First Grade Note in the Tuesday folder. The students may bring a picture, a nature item, a toy, something they collect, a souvenir, etc. Please do not bring living or dead animals.

## Birthday Parties

A birthday is a very special day in a first grader's life. The parents may send or bring a birthday treat. We will eat the treat around 2:45 PM. If another time is more convenient for you, message me, and we will work it out. We will not have a party where gifts are given to the birthday child in school by other classmates. If you are giving a gift, do this privately. Also, the birthday child does not need to give gift bags to his or her classmates.



## Field Trips

The first grade class will go on four field trips. The field trips will be scheduled so that there will be one field trip each nine weeks. The dates of the field trips may change. We will follow the rules in the student handbook for our field trips.



## Class Parties



The first grade will have three class parties. The first one is the Christmas party at 12:30 PM on the day before Christmas break. God's

Love party will be February 12 at 2:15 PM. The Resurrection party will be at 2:15 PM on the Thursday before Good Friday. There will be a signup sheet in the Tuesday folder asking each family to help with one party. The party usually consists of games, activities, or a story to help us remember why we are celebrating. The party helpers provide a snack, drink, and a gift bag (optional).



## Competitions

The first grade will not have any competitions this year.

## Service Project



The first grade class will provide baskets of goodies and cards to the residents of Homestead Assisted Living in Clinton several times this

school year. This is our service project. Our goal is to use this activity to

teach the students to be a blessing to others.

# Class Schedule

8:20 - Chapel

8:35 - Devotion, Recite Weekly Bible Verse, and Prayer

9:00 - Writing

9:30 - Snack and Bible

10:00 – PE (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) - Recess (Tuesday and Friday)

10:30 - Phonics

11:00 - Math

11:30 - Lunch

11:50 - Recess

12:30 – Seatwork and math plus 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Creative Writing

1:00 - Computer (Monday and Thursday) – Music (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Art (Friday)

1:30 - Recess

2:00 - Reading/Seatwork

2:30 - Science

3:00 - Clean up, pack up and centers

3:08 - Class dismissed