

1ST GRADE SYLLABUS

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Class Overview

Welcome to 1st grade! Please read this through and get me the signed copy back asap. Thank you! My concept of learning is to learn with little, or no technology. Kids learn with their hands, through play, and by engaging in conversation face to face. My hope is to give you more time with your kids and family. You can do anything you set your mind to do!

Class Rules

1. Love God Always, Love Others
2. Follow Directions
3. Raise your hand to talk and wait to be called on.
4. Walk quietly in the classroom and hallway.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
7. Be polite, courteous, and respectful to peers and teachers.
8. Always do your best!
9. Have an I CAN attitude!

Behavior Management

In my class I strive to have a calm atmosphere. I believe the key to that is showing children a safe way to work through their feelings. Having a reward system in place is ok however, it is more important to help a child work through our God given emotions. I do have a calming corner in my classroom and will utilize that if a child is having a rough day and just needs time to collect themselves and come back to join us. I have a 3-minute timer that will be used so they can focus on breathing through their emotions. I will implement a pompom store for a reward system which will start the second week of school.

Newsletter

I will send a newsletter out in the blue folder on Tuesday.

Daily Work

We will have Bible, Reading, Spelling, Phonics (Language/Grammer included), Math, Science, Writing, Cursive, and Social Studies. You have been sent a daily schedule so that you are aware of what we will be doing throughout our day.

Homework policy

In first grade we have daily homework. This is something I had hoped would not be a requirement because I know family time is especially important. With that being said, homework should only take 30 minutes depending on how parents take time out to help their child and listen to them read. Regardless of what society tells us it takes both parents and teachers to help a child learn. It is not all on the teachers or parents, I believe it takes a village to help children learn. The reading log will be sent home in the yellow folder.

- ❖ Reading Logs must be signed and returned daily.
- ❖ Yellow classroom folders will be handed out for transporting papers to and from school. Pockets will be clearly marked 'Keep at home' and 'Return to school.'
- ❖ If a student misses several days due to illness, I will have a blue or red folder at the office with missed work.
- ❖ I will expect homework to be turned in on time. This is so that grading can be done quickly.

Grading

I have a 3-drawer container marked with three different stages for self-assessment for the students to assess their knowledge. Drawer 1 "I Got This" (For children who are confident that they know the curriculum). Drawer 2 "I need more practice" (For children who need a little more help). Drawer 3 "Please Reteach Me" (For children who just haven't learned the curriculum). I am doing this so the children have confidence in themselves and so students who may need a little more time with the current curriculum will have that. As stated above all work in class and homework will need to be done and turned in on time. I will grade quickly.

Testing

I will do testing on Fridays unless our curriculum has one that happens to fall on a different day. If this happens, I will notify you within a reasonable amount of time for your child to study.

Snack & Water Bottles

We will have a snack two times every day. I would love for them to be healthy and not full of sugar if that makes sense. (Fresh fruits, Bear brand Fruit Snacks, nut trail mix, beef jerky, cheese and crackers, etc.). These snacks also need to be stored in an airtight container for safe keeping in the classroom NOT their lockers. Please bring an empty spillproof water bottle that your child can open. I will label them with their names and will keep it at school for daily water use. This needs to be separate from their lunch drink. I will send water bottles home on Friday for cleaning.

Birthday

You can bring something small such as cookies and juice or cake pops and juice on the day of your child's birthday. Please let me know if you plan to do this so we can do it during our snack time. Birthday invitations can be brought to school and sent out however you must bring enough for all the students in class.

Class Parties

We will have 3 parties a year. Please sign up for those at our first parent/teacher conference. The 3 parties are the following.

- CHRISTmas Party: December 20th (Dismissal will be at 1:30 this day)
- God's Love Party: February 14th
- RESSURCTION Party: April 16th

Field Trips

We will be taking a field trip to Oklahoma Children's Theater in January or February. This will be taken with the 1st grade from Weatherford Campus. The Skelton Museum of Osteology did not have openings for September. I am working hard on getting our field trips in order so that they are not last minute. If you do have thoughts on where you would like to go with your children for a field trip, please reach out to me. We will take an all-campus field trip to The Haystack Adventures. More information will be sent out on the date for this as the office gets it together.

Just A Heads Up

You have all received a Meet the Teacher paper introducing myself. A little side note about me that was not included in that paper is that I have Celiac which means I am allergic to all forms of gluten (Wheat, Rye, Malt, Barely). I am also allergic to bananas. This is just so you know ahead of time of parties or special occasions, that way you know why I may not partake in eating at the parties.

Parents, please understand that this is subject to change. Any changes that need to take place will be sent home and to administration immediately.

Please sign and return this to me promptly so that I know you have read this syllabus.

Parent's Signature: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____