

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Tahmouch and Miss Maroki

A FEW QUICK NOTES

- ◉ If you plan on volunteering in the classroom you **MUST** go through the Archdiocese mandated “Protecting God’s Children” program. The class is offered at various locations. Check with the office for schedules. Online registration required.
- ◉ We have sign up sheets coming home the first week of school, for volunteering in the classroom for lunch and recess, preparing activities at home (cutting and tracing). Please return by Tuesday, September 8th.
- ◉ Please read though your welcome packet - you will find important information regarding our classroom behavior plan and rules, as well as information about curriculum, snacks, birthdays, and our specials schedule.

VOLUNTEERING

We will need parent volunteers to help with lunch and recess this year in first grade.

More information will be sent home the first week of school.

CLASSROOM INFORMATION

- ◉ First Grade classrooms will be nut free.
 - This includes snacks and lunches, as we will be eating lunch in our classrooms.

COVID EXPECTATIONS

- Please send your child in with an extra mask to leave in their desk for emergencies.
- Neck Gators, or lanyards to hang masks from when not wearing are suggested to help keep them off the floor or misplacing them.
- Your child may bring in a mini personal hand sanitizer for their own desk, which we can refill as needed.

CLASS DOJO



◉ Class Dojo

- An interactive way to include students in their own behavior management
- Students earn positive (green) and negative (red) dojo points throughout the week based on their specific behaviors
- Point totals cleared each Monday morning
- Parents may log on for daily access - this information will be sent home the first week of school
- Message Board for direct and quick communication with us
- “Stories” Board for access to study guides, reminders, and student updates and photos of what’s happening in our classroom

SPELLING

- Text: Literacy by Design
- Tic-Tac-Toe Homework will be given on Mondays
- Daily review of words within text, as well as review during centers
- Students must complete 3 activities (Tic-Tac-Toe) due each Friday for homework
- “Show Me What You Know” assessment will be given on Fridays

LANGUAGE ARTS

Phonics

- Daily lessons with student practice book
- Workbook will occasionally come home for homework for needed practice

Reading and Writing

- Literacy by Design
 - Fountas and Pinnell testing for leveled Reading
 - Small Group Instruction
 - Assessment given bi-weekly

English

- Voyages
 - Daily lessons with student practice book
 - Workbook will occasionally come home for homework for needed practice

SOCIAL STUDIES (TAUGHT FIRST & SECOND QUARTER)

- Five Units
 - All About Families
 - Where We Live
 - Good Citizens
 - All Kinds of Jobs
 - Americans Long Ago
- Fast paced
- Daily lessons and activities
- Homework and study guides sent home for extra practice

SCIENCE (TAUGHT THIRD & FOURTH QUARTER)

- Our units of study are: Plants and Animals
- Experiments will be incorporated throughout

EVERYDAY MATH

- ◉ Nightly homework for practice
- ◉ Hands on approach to learning, including games for practice on mental math skills
- ◉ An instructional approach that revisits topics regularly (spiral curriculum)
- ◉ Friday is “Game Day”

HOMWORK EXPECTATIONS

- First graders will have nightly homework assignments.
- Homework is due back to school the following day unless otherwise stated.
- Please check your child's blue "Take Home Folder" daily for assignments, due dates, upcoming "Show Me What You Know" assessments, and important information/communication.
- In teaching responsibility, "Take Home Folders" must be returned daily.

SCHOLASTIC

- ◉ Ordering from Scholastic earns our classroom money to spend on classroom books, audio cd's for our listening center, and more!
- ◉ Online ordering, once a month
- ◉ Due dates will be put on class dojo each month as a reminder
- ◉ Use our class code to make sure you are ordering from your class.
 - Mrs. Tahmouch's class code: NHJLQ
 - Miss Maroki's class code: WTJ9F