First Grade Parent Handbook

This handbook is designed to answer some commonly asked questions about classroom policies and procedures. We hope you find it helpful and will keep it as a resource throughout the year.

Toys Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home. This causes a distraction and often the toys get broken or lost.

<u>Illnesses & Medications</u> Children will not be allowed to stay at school if they have a fever. Children must be free of fever for 24 hours before returning to school. All medication must be taken to the nurse. Only trained personnel can dispense medication to a student. All medications must be in the original container and a signed permission slip must be on file.

Book Orders Book order forms will be sent home approximately once a month. This is an inexpensive way to get good books for your home. If you choose to order books, make checks payable to the book club, not to the school or the teacher. There is never any obligation to buy books from these clubs.

Money When sending money to school with your child, please put the money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the purpose of the money on the outside of the envelope.

Recess If you want your child to stay indoors during nice weather days due to illness or injury, we will need a note from you stating this. As the weather changes please make sure your child brings a jacket or coat to go outside for recess.

<u>Volunteering</u> Volunteers are appreciated very much. If you would like to volunteer, call the school office for more information.

Lunch If you would like to eat lunch with your child please let the teacher know that morning so that the cafeteria may be notified.

Birthdays You may send a treat with your child to celebrate a birthday. Our school policy states that birthday recognition will be very short with treats handed out at the end of the day. Treats must be individually wrapped and store-bought. The policy also states that birthday invitations for private parties will not be allowed to be passed out during school hours. If a parent wishes to send invitations, they must be

distributed and put away prior to the start of the school day. Teachers are not responsible for handing out invitations.

End of Day Routine Changes Parents picking up students early must check in at the office and the child will be sent to you. Parents may not pick up the child from the classroom without written approval from the office. If there are any changes in your normal routine, please send a written note to the teacher. (Examples: riding a different bus, getting off at a different stop, a doctor's appointment, being picked up by an aunt, uncle, etc.).

Tardies Please note the district's policy on tardies. This policy is in the agenda handbook. Students should arrive at school at 8:20. Class starts at 8:40. Any arrival after 8:40 is considered tardy. School will dismiss at 3:30.

<u>Parent/Teacher Communication</u> Our goal is to keep you informed of what is going on in our classroom through classroom blogs (see below), newsletters, notes home, and an occasional phone call. To express comments or concerns please feel free to contact us at school through a note or phone call. The school number is 742-2597. We will return all messages as promptly as our school schedule allows.

Mrs. Sevon's Blog-www.mrssevons1stgrade.weebly.com Mrs. Wallace's Blog-www.llwallace.weebly.com

Mrs. Williamson's Blog-www.swilliamson1stgrade.weebly.com

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to an exciting school year. We are honored to have the opportunity to share in the life of your child.

Sincerely,

Willard North 1st Grade Teachers