

The ABCs of First Grade

2017-2018
Mrs. Cybulski



Dear Parents,

This is an overview to summarize some of the most important policies going on in our classroom. Please take some time to read through it. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the school. Thank You!

Absences: In the event that your child is absent, please send in a written excuse the day your child returns to school. All missed schoolwork will be saved for your child to complete at home or in school. If you wish to have the work sent home or picked up, please notify the main office.

Allergies: At this time, there are no food restrictions for our class this year.

Bathroom: We have a restroom in our classroom. Students are allowed to use the bathroom on an as needed basis with exception of during a mini-lesson, unless it is an emergency.

Behavior Plan: In our classroom, we use a clip system. Children are able to move up and down the chart throughout the day. Students will begin each day on Ready to Learn. The only way a student moves a clip down is by breaking a classroom rule. Students that move a clip down have an opportunity to move back up with model behavior and following directions.

Behavior Punch Card: Students will have a behavior punch card that will be punched or dated daily if they have not moved down on the behavior clip chart. Once a punch card has been filled in, the child has an opportunity to pick one of the many classroom rewards.

Birthdays: Birthdays are usually celebrated at the end of the day or immediately following lunch. Please contact me a week ahead of time so that we can schedule the celebration. I greatly appreciate it.

Communication with the Teacher: Please feel free to contact me at any time in writing or by calling the school at 686-3285 ext 5022. My e-mail address is jcybulski@lanaster.wnyric.org My email is the most effective way for me to communicate.

Computers: Students will be using the computers on a regular basis in 1st grade. They will use the computers for extension activities in centers, during free time, research, and word processing. All of the computers in the District use a filtering program which ensures that your child view age-appropriate websites.

Cubbies: Each child will be assigned a cubby to keep their jackets, book bags, lunches, and some school supplies.

Facebook: Our class has a Facebook private group. This page will be used to communicate with you about important events, updates and reminders. I will share pictures of our learning and class building.

Field Trips: We will be going on a few field trips this school year. A permission slip will be sent home prior to the field trip date. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please be sure you are approved by the district with proper paperwork.

Grading for Report Cards:

Academic Achievement (overall 'grade' for ELA, math, science, and social studies)

4 - Student exceeds grade level standards for this marking period.

3 - Student shows proficiency in grade level standards for this marking period.

2 - Student is approaching grade level standards for this marking period.

1 - Student is performing below grade level standards for this marking period.

Skill Performance

N - (Needs Improvement) The student has difficulty applying the skill and requires frequent teacher intervention and support.

D - (Developing) The student is working towards proficiency of the skill, but requires support.

S - (Secure) The student consistently demonstrates an understanding of the skill and can apply it with minimal guidance.

X - Not evaluated.

Holiday Parties: There will be a few holiday parties during the 2017-2018 school year. Please look for sign-up sheets at Open House. Thank you!

Homework: Homework is very important to help secure skills and concepts being taught in school. If a student does not turn in homework, a reminder will be sent in his or her agenda. Students will have daily reading with a book from our classroom lending library and a sight word booklet.. Spelling will be sent home on Monday and should be returned on Friday.

Library: Our class will meet with Mr. Wright every week this year to learn about the Library/Media Center and work on projects. Students will have library book exchange each and every Friday, too.

Money: If your child brings money into school for any reason, it is best to put the money in a sealed envelope or Ziploc bag with his or her name and room number on it. I will ask that students keep their money in their book bags until it is needed.

Parent Volunteers: Parents are welcome in the classroom (usually at holiday times) to help with centers, games, and special activities. Sign-up sheets for these special events will be available at Open House.

Recess-Students will be given some time daily for recess. At this time, they may work on an activity of their choice and if weather permits, we will be outside.

Red Take Home Folders: Students will take home these folders each day and return them the next morning. The folder will include parent notes, newsletters, homework, items that may need to be finished, corrected, or signed, and any work that is not being displayed on the walls. Please review the folder nightly. Thank you!

Rewards: Once a child fills in their punch card, they will have an opportunity to choose from one of the many rewards in our classroom. I will indicate their choice on the back side of the punch card.

Rules: We have 4 rules in our classroom that have been established and discussed.

Listening Bodies

Be Responsible

Caring Hearts

Be Safe

Snacks: Students may bring in a *healthy snack* to eat during the day. I do not supply snack.

Star Student: Each Friday, a student will be chosen as our classroom star student. A letter will be attached to an activity that you and your child may work on. If you are unable to complete the activity by Monday, please email me. I am very flexible and we can always work something out.

Toys: I ask that students do not bring in toys, electronic devices, or personal belongings to school.

Transportation: Students will always take their regular bus home unless the school is notified otherwise. Please send in a note when your child will be a pick up.

Water Bottles: Water bottles are allowed in our classroom. Please feel free to send in a labeled water bottle daily with your child.