



**WELCOME TO 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE!**

**Ms. Vigorito  
2015-2016  
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# **ATTENDANCE**

- No more than 10 excused and unexcused absences
- Please refer to the handbook for details about student absences.

# **ARRIVAL/TARDINESS**

- **Students arriving to the classroom after 8am will be sent to the main office for a tardy slip**
- **Please try your best to have your child to school on time as to avoid a disruption in morning routines**

# **DISMISSAL**

- **Transportation**
  - Students who will not be going home as regular on any given day must have a written notification.
- **Notification**
  - Please notify me by 11:00am that day if a student's dismissal procedures are changing.
  - Any student with uncertainty will be kept at school for safety purposes.

# **BIRTHDAYS/CELEBRATIONS**

- Party treats are always welcome the day of or close to your child's birthday!
- Just send me an email or note telling me which date is convenient for you!
- To not interfere with academics we celebrate birthdays during snack time.
- All party treats can be left with security in the morning and they will deliver it to our class.
- Only students are in attendance for birthday celebrations, but I am happy to take pictures and email them to you!

# COMMUNICATION

- If you need to reach me at school, you may e-mail me at [dvigorito@energysmartschool.org](mailto:dvigorito@energysmartschool.org). I check my e-mail periodically throughout the day, as long as I have free time.
- All money should be in a Ziploc bag/envelope clearly labeled indicating what it is to be used for.
- I will send home a weekly newsletter each Friday. This will let you know of any upcoming events. It will also inform you of the skills and themes we will be working on that week.

# GRADING POLICY

- 90 - 100 -> E (Exceeds Expectations)
- 80 - 89 -> P (Proficient)
- 70 - 79 -> I (In progress towards achieving)
- 69 - below -> N (Needs Improvement)

## Weights

- 50% - Tests
- 30% - Quizzes
- 10% - Classwork/Participation
- 5% - Projects
- 5% - Homework

# HOMEWORK

- We have homework almost every night.
- This homework is meant to reinforce what your child is learning in the classroom.
- Homework is assigned daily and due the next day (unless otherwise noted).

# LUNCH & RECESS

- In first grade we have recess before lunch.
- Your child will get roughly 20 minutes each day for outdoor recess (weather permitting), throughout the year.
- *Please make sure you dress your child appropriately, as the weather changes.*

# **CURRICULUM**

- **Language Arts**
  - Journey's
  - Traits Writing
- **Math**
  - Everyday Math
- **Science**
  - Fusion
- **Social Studies**
  - Harcourt: A Child's View

# **READING LOG**

- **Students must read for at least 15 minutes a night**
- **Time will increase over the course of the year**
- **The Reading Log sheet will be provided at the beginning of each week.**
- **There will be a different skill highlighted each week (EX: main idea, summarization, compare and contrast, etc.)**

# **SNACK**

- **Please send a healthy snack with students each day.**
- **We have snack around 9:30 am each day.**
- **If there are any “birthday treats” you want your child to stay away from, please let me know via email.**

# **PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

- I will ask for volunteers at various times throughout the year for different events
- Volunteers for Field Trips will be picked randomly from those that would like to join.

# BEHAVIOR POLICY

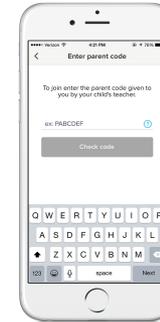
- Ready To Learn
    - Reminder
  - Teacher's Choice
  - Contact Home
- Students can move up and down all day long. At the end of the day, they will keep track of their progress on a weekly sheet, taped into their HW folder.



# CLASS DOJO



- **ClassDojo is the easiest way to see your child's progress on these skills.**



- **Download**
- **Sign up**
- **Get the code!**
- **Check ClassDojo regularly**
- **Keep me updated on how your child is doing at home**
- **Encourage and celebrate the life skills we are working on in class outside of school!**

# CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

- Folders

1. Homework Folder - to be taken home daily and returned to school the next day. In it there will be notes, graded work, homework and anything else that needs to come home. Please empty this folder nightly and keep all graded work and notices at home.
2. Classwork Folder - stays in school for students to organize their work

- Notebooks

1. Spelling Notebook
2. Reading Journal

- Primary Journals - will take place every day. There will be a prompt on the board and students will have to copy it and then add to it.

# HOME VISITS

- I can do home visits on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-5pm
- I have provided a blank calendar to fill in for requested days.
- Please, no more than 2 home visits a day 😊

# ANY QUESTIONS?

