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Welcome to First Grade! Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions. I check my voicemail and email at the start and end of each school day.

**First Grade Supply List:**

2 two-pocket folders  
pencils

2 sharpened

1 box of crayons: 24 or less

2 erasers

1 box of colored pencils  
box

1 pencil

Tissues

## **Daily Specials Schedule:**

**Monday:** Art: \*Students are asked to provide an art smock. (An old t-shirt from Mom or Dad works great.)

**Tuesday:** Spanish

**Wednesday:** Music and Gym \*Students are asked to wear athletic shoes for PE.

**Thursday:** Library

**Friday:** Computers and PE

## **Daily Academic Schedule:**

9:00- Attendance and lunch count

9:15- Morning Meeting: Students will discuss the following topics:

*Word of the Week:* Students will increase vocabulary skills through the use of challenging words. Every Monday a new word is introduced. \*Students will record words in their Word of the Week/Grammar Journals.

*Sight Word Recognition:* Students will identify the high-frequency words on our weekly word list.

*Secret Message Box:* Students are given daily messages that encourage positive behavior, work habits and social relationships. Each student receives at least one message per week.

*Date/Weather/Specials:* The director is asked to stand, read the date, discuss the weather and identify the special/specials of the day.

*News of the Day:* Any important news or special events of the day are discussed.

*Story:* Most days a story is read at the end of the morning meeting. The setting, plot, characters, and resolution are discussed.

9:30- Language Arts group lesson

10:00-11:00-Students will engage in language arts centers, guided reading, individual lessons, and/or writing workshop.

11:15-11:45- Lunch

11:45-12:30- Math

**Science:** Students will have science lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Students will also participate in weekly science experiments.

**Social Studies:** Students will participate in social studies lessons on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

**Health:** Health lessons will be taught each Monday.

**\*Homework:** Homework is assigned each day Monday through Thursday. Parents are asked to check their child's folder and student planner every day for important information from our classroom or the office. Every week a new word list will be sent home for students to read and study. Please keep the word list in your child's folder so students can read and review each day. \*In December, students will be asked to participate in a daily reading log. Students may choose a book from home or school to read with a family member. The log will then be dated, signed and will remain in their student folder.

**What are the Peace Flowers?** The Peace Flowers are a way for students to problem solve with others in a respectful and peaceful manner. These "grace and courtesy" lessons are given as needed. The Peace Flowers are a wonderful tool to develop a child's independence and confidence!

**Birthday Celebrations:** In lieu of a birthday snack, students will participate in a special birthday celebration. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** Book club materials will be sent home periodically. The Scholastic book club is a wonderful way to build your child's home library at a reduced cost. Families are not obligated to participate. Orders are paid for by check only!

**Lunch Tickets:** Each student will have a lunch card. Any item that is purchased in the cafeteria requires a lunch card.