



# First Grade September 2017 News

We've survived our first days of first grade!! The children have been wonderful, and we hope they're feeling positive about first grade and looking forward to the days ahead. We certainly are!

## A Few Back-to-School Reminders

- School doors open at 9:10 and the first bell rings at 9:20. Because your child has morning "jobs" to complete before school, it's best if your child can get to school on time so they are settled and ready when it's time for announcements and prayer.
- On Monday we will begin recording our Clip Chart behavior. Your child will have a recording sheet in their take home folder that needs to be signed each night and sent back the next day. Please discuss your child's behavior with them each night.
- A reminder about homework...Your child may need your guidance when we send homework home, but we expect that your child will complete the work. Always remember to have your child use a **PENCIL** for homework.
- September's special "homework" is to practice tying shoes. Some students have this skill mastered, but others need more practice.
- Part of your child's reading grade will be based on out of class reading. Please read with your child every day and remember to record each day the book that your child reads to you on the reading record sheet that was sent home. We hope you are enjoying this special time with your child.
- Cooler days will be here soon (hopefully!), and most first graders will be wearing sweaters and sweatshirts. Please make sure that your child's clothing is labeled. Also, we ask the girls to wear shorts under their jumpers for sitting on the floor, playing on the playground equipment, and for gym days.
- It would be helpful if you would remind your child to give us any notes etc. from home first thing in the morning. Thank you for sending notes when your child is taking a different way home from school. A note helps us with any confusion at the end of the day.
- Please read through the day's lunch menu at home with your child.

Choosing a sandwich/wrap/pak (second option on menu) instead of the main entree is an option for your child; however, your child needs to let us know in the morning if he/she is buying the sandwich/wrap/pack. They can't change their minds once we get to the lunchroom! We are very proud of the way the first graders have remembered their PIN numbers!

- Athletic shoes are required on gym days. It would be easiest if your child wore his/her gym shoes to school on gym days instead of bringing shoes to change into. Please refer to the monthly calendar for the cycle day to know if your child needs to be ready for gym or library.
- Newsletters will be posted on our website and will be sent home monthly. Watch for our October newsletter at the end of September!
- Finally, "take home folders" need to be brought to school everyday. The folder is used for taking papers home and bringing papers to school.

Thank you for your help. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We're looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lee

Mrs. Brunner



