

First Grade Policies and Procedures 2015– 2016

Grading Policy – in all subject areas:

- Assessment is the information we collect.
- Evaluation is what we do with that information.
- Teaching is the use of this specific child-centered information to support the child in moving to the next step of his/her own learning.
- When we are looking at the assessment pieces (oral and written daily work, tests, etc.) there are three questions to ask:
 - What does the student know?
 - What does the student need to know?
 - What do I, as a teacher, need to do to help the student learn?
- There are two forms of evaluation:
 - Summative – comes at the end, often a grade or check mark on the report card.
 - Formative - is formed through assessment; instruction is planned from this type of evaluation.

Homework – will be sent home in a red folder. You can also find weekly assignments on line at www.schoolrack.com.

The following items are considered homework:

- Daily reading with your child
- Written assignments
- Items to collect or bring in for class
- Preparation for tests
- Weekly spelling/vocabulary work
- Papers to be signed and returned
- Trips to the public library

Corrected homework and assessments will be sent home each **Monday**. Please review all papers with your child even if they are done correctly, **sign and return them to me the next day**.

Children need to come to school on time. We begin formal work as soon as we enter the classroom. Students who are consistently late do not have time to get properly organized before class begins.

Discipline – In our class we use positive reinforcement. Appropriate behavior and manners are consistently being modeled for our students by our faculty and staff. If I notice any negative behavior I will send a note home. Three notes home will result in loss of recess, after five notes home we will issue a demerit and I will request a conference with student’s parents or guardians to discuss the issue. More information about the student code of conduct and discipline can be found in the **Parent-Student Calendar & Handbook 2015 – 2016.**

Faith Theme – Our schools’ faith theme for this year is: **“Holiness Is Within Us”**. We would like to be inspired by the Holy Family and we will seek to become saints by creating holy moments with ourselves, our families and our communities.

Specials:

Monday – **Spanish** – Mrs. Castillo
Computer – Mr. Conner

Tuesday – **Music** – Mrs. Fitzmaurice
Art – Mrs. Matics and Mrs. Headley

Wednesday – **Mass @ 8:30 a.m.**
Physical Education – Mr. Steward

Thursday – **Library** – Mrs. Porcari

Friday - **Physical Education** – Mr. Steward

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.

Recess: 12:25 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

Field Trips: We are planning a few field trips this year. We are also looking into possibility of participating in a few classroom outreach activities offered by many cultural institutions in our area. More information will be coming home soon about our first trip.

Lunch and Snack – Our students will have an option of bringing lunch from home or buying from our school program (please see the Beeline Buzz for details). I will also allow time for a snack daily. **Please make sure to provide a healthy option for your child’s snack (fruit, yogurt, cheese, granola bar, etc.).**

Parties – Children may bring in cupcakes or cookies and boxes of juice to share with their friends at snack time on their birthdays. **Due to food allergies, do not send any items with nuts please.** We also do not accept any cakes, “goody bags”, or invitations to private parties (unless the entire class is invited).

Our students will celebrate Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentine’s Day, Easter, and the End of the School Year. The first grade class room parents will contact you regarding parties.

Children will have opportunities to order from the **Scholastic Book Club** several times during the year.

God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maria Nogay