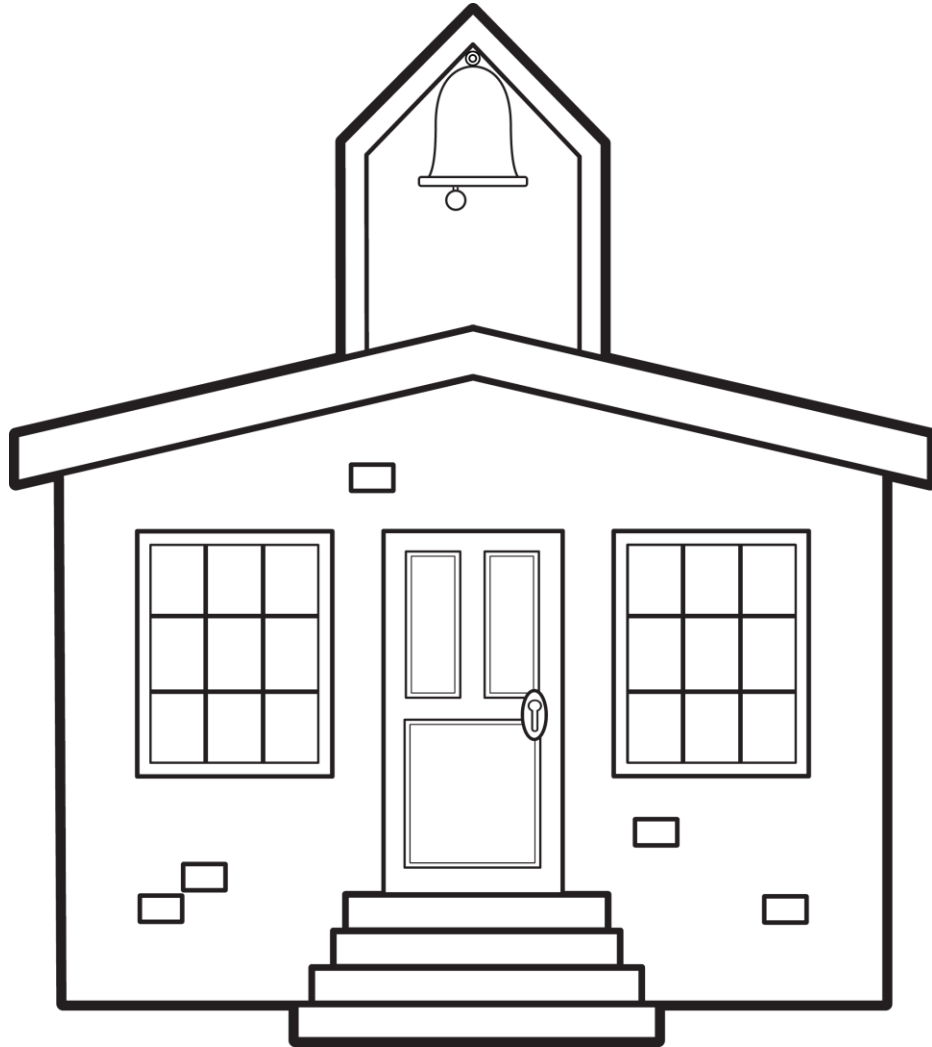


Welcome to Mrs. Fletcher's



First Grade Class 2014-2015



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Weekly Schedule

We will continue to follow the A,B,C,D,E schedule. Please remember that if/when we have snow days we will resume school on the next letter day (Ex: If the day we missed school was on a "B" day, our next school day will be a "B" schedule.) The weekly schedule will be listed on every newsletter sent home. **Please keep in mind that not every Monday is an "A Day."** Listed below is the schedule for our classroom. Please be sure to dress your child accordingly for the days they participate in Physical Education and remember to return borrowed books when the students visit the Library. The schedule for the week will be listed on the weekly newsletter also.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>
A	Art Library	10:05-11:05 1:50-2:30
B	Music	2:30-3:10
C	PE	2:30-3:10
D	PE	1:50-2:30
E	Music	1:50-2:30

Leadership Notebook

I firmly believe in keeping the lines of communication open between school and home. Each child will have a binder, which is called their Leadership Notebook. It will be used for sending things to and from school (homework, notes, etc.) and also storing important documents and data. These binders will be sent home each night. Please return them with your child each day. The purpose of these folders is to keep your child organized and establish responsibility. It is also helpful in keeping you informed of daily and weekly happenings. Certain papers and data need to be kept in this binder throughout the school year. We will discuss this more at our First Grade Curriculum Night! I hope you can join us!

Discipline

Your child's academic success is very important. Appropriate behavior is vital and will be expected at all times. I believe all students can behave appropriately within the classroom when expectations are clear and modeled. I also believe in cooperative classroom management which focuses on student responsibility.

The goal of any classroom discipline is to provide a safe learning environment which promotes mutual respect, not to punish.

The 7 Habits play a big role in creating a great learning environment for all students. In my class, it is important for students to:

- 🐟 Be Proactive
- 🐟 Begin with the End in Mind
- 🐟 Put First Things First
- 🐟 Think Win-Win
- 🐟 Seek First to Understand
- 🐟 Synergize
- 🐟 Sharpen the Saw

I am confident that students will make good choices regarding their classroom behavior. Therefore, I will routinely recognize good behavior using teacher praise and positive notes. Students will also be given opportunities to earn "fish" for their fish bowls. Once a student earns 20 fish, they can choose a "best behavior pass" to use at their choosing. In the event your child chooses not to adhere to classroom expectations, he or she will face any or all of the following consequences, depending on the severity and frequency of their behavior:

1. Verbal warning or reminder from the teacher
2. Loss of 2 or more "fish"
3. Think Sheet
4. Note, email, or phone call home to family
5. Office referral

Homework

Homework is important and will be recorded on your child's report card. Our class will not have homework every night. There will be a list of ideas given bi-monthly. You can choose the activities your child will complete based on their skill level. In addition, your child will make a goal for how much/little homework they would like to do each night. Both of these documents will be in your child's Leadership Notebook. Your child's Weekly Goal Homework will be turned in on Fridays. The bi-monthly ideas sheet will remain in the Leadership Notebook until the time has expired.

Report Card

In first grade, your child will not receive letter grades. Your child will earn a number corresponding to their skill level within specified criteria. The evaluation scale for the report card is as follows:

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| 3 | Applies skills correctly (without help) |
| 2 | Shows understanding of skills (needs some help) |
| 1 | Shows little understanding (needs frequent help) |

Daily Work

I will not grade all of your child's work, but will always check for understanding. Graded assignments will use the same grading scale as the report card (3,2,1) and will be marked on the assignment and circled at the top.

Newsletter

A newsletter will be sent home each Monday for the current week. This will serve to keep you informed of activities within our classroom and school. The newsletter will also include a word study list, and our plans for ELA, Math, Science and/or Social Studies for the week.

Snack

We will have a short snack in the afternoon due to our early lunch time. Please provide your child with a snack daily if you would like your child to participate in snack time. Snacks should consist of healthy food choices (fruits, vegetables, graham crackers, etc.) High sugar items, such as candy, are not allowed.

Birthday Treats

Your child may celebrate his/her birthday with the class by bringing a treat for the entire class to share. If your child's birthday happens to fall over the summer, you may choose a school day to bring in a treat for a un-birthday or half-birthday celebration! District policies only allow us to distribute store bought foods. In addition, please be careful not to bring foods containing any form of nuts for allergy reasons. Birthday treats can be distributed during lunch or snack time; your child may choose.

****Please inquire about classroom allergies.****

Parties

Our class has three parties scheduled for this school year; Fall, Valentine, and Spring Achievement. To help defray the costs of these enjoyable occasions, we ask the every student contribute a small fee. Please provide \$3.00 in cash and place it in an envelope labeled "Party Money" with your child's name on it. Parental involvement is always appreciated for these activities. Please contact me if you are interested in assisting in planning or participating in these parties.

Labels and Box Tops

Please collect and save the box tops and labels from items participating in the "Box Tops for Education". Our school receives valuable educational materials in exchange for these labels and box tops. You can send them in with your child throughout the year. We also collect My Coke Rewards. The following are links to the websites of these programs which will provide information:

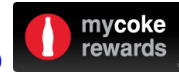
- Box Tops for Education:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



- My Coke Rewards

<http://www.mycokerewards.com/home.do>



Wish List

Our classroom appreciates your donations! Below is a small list of items that are always helpful:

- Magazines for cutting (school appropriate)
- Paper Towels
- Ziploc Slider Bags (Gallon, Sandwich, Snack, or Quart)
- Baby Wipes or Lysol Wipes
- Puzzles
- Coloring Books (for indoor recess)
- Craft Supplies (pom-poms, stickers, paper lunch sacks, etc.)

Medications

District policy states that any medication administered by the clinic must be accompanied by a note from a physician. Please contact the school nurse, Mrs. Calison, if you have any questions or concerns. Medications should NOT accompany students on the bus.

Attendance

Please call the office by 9:00am if your child is going to be absent. If your child is tardy, please go directly to the office to have your child signed in and admitted to class.

Contacting Me

Please feel free to contact me via phone or e-mail with any questions or concerns you may have. I am always checking my email, so that is the best way to contact me. If you wish to call instead, I am available during my plan periods (which are the times listed under the weekly schedule section). If you call and I am unavailable, please leave a message with the office and I will return your call as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to a rewarding year with your child!

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