



Welcome

to

1st Grade

Mrs. Fox

2019-2020

Welcome to 1st Grade!!! I am so excited to welcome the students that are joining Room II. I am looking forward to having you as part of our classroom!

First grade will be a very exciting time for your child! They will learn and become responsible in a variety of ways. First grade is always a big change from Kindergarten and it will take some time to get used to the routine and rigor, but I hope to work with you to help this experience be a memorable and successful year for your child!

I hope the information in this packet will be helpful in explaining some of our classroom procedures in order to make you aware of what is expected of your child in 1st grade. I am looking forward to a great school year in Room III!

Goals for Room II

- I will nurture your child while encouraging independence
- I will provide a safe learning environment
- I will value and respect each child's different personality and experiences
- I will work to develop teamwork and communication between home and school
- I will encourage good attendance to ensure that your child learns at his/her full capacity
- I will praise and reward students for displaying MG Rock Star Behavior

School Contact Information

MG Office: 317-881-0561

MG Attendance Line: 317-881-0561, ext. 8063

Lunch Information: Connie Kraemer 317-881-0561, ext. 8096 or
kraemerc@centergrove.k12.in.us

Communication

I use a variety of platforms to communicate. You may access my website for general information, Classtag for daily updates/pictures, Seesaw to see your child's classroom portfolio, and weekly newsletters. Access to all of these resources will be sent to you after school begins. You may always contact me via email or phone. I will respond within 24 hours throughout the week. I do not usually respond to emails or phone calls after 5 p.m. or throughout the weekend. Thank you for respecting my family time ☺

E-mail - foxa@centergrove.k12.in.us

Website - foxsfirsties.weebly.com

Phone - 881-0561 (ext.) 8011

Book Bags/Backpacks

A book bag is a daily need for 1st grade. Please see that your child brings one to school each day. A habit we start at the beginning of the school year is to unload the bag upon arrival, and check for notes or lunch money to turn in. To help with parent/teacher communication, I am asking that you have your child unload his/her bag at home each day. Often there are notes from me,

completed work, etc. I may occasionally write you a note at the top of a paper if your child is having a problem with a certain skill. This will help you to know what you can help your child with home. There will also be notes of praise if your child has an exceptional day!

Grades

Students will receive grades based on a standards based report card. This allows you to see which skills and strategies your child has or hasn't mastered each 9 weeks. Please note that your child's grade is an average of the skills that are displayed below each subject.

Homework and Green Folder

Please check your child's Green Folder each day. Homework is not checked or graded, but just used for extra practice. The first grade team likes to encourage our students to go home and spend no longer than 10-15 minutes on homework, and use the remainder of the evening to play and spend time with their families. You will find a "Homework Suggestions" sheet that stays in your child's green folder. I would also encourage students to try and read an additional 10-20 minutes each evening.

Just-Right Reading & Book Baggie

Leveled books and library books will be sent home in your child's book baggie. Please be sure to have your first grader bring his/her baggie back to school every day. They will read their books in class as well. Use these books to have your child read

independently or to an adult. It will be your child's responsibility to return and fill their baggie with books, as needed. If you are noticing that the same books are continually coming home then encourage your child to exchange his/her books.

Behavior

Rm. II will focus on following Maple Grove's "Rock Star" behavior traits in and outside of our classroom.

- S - Make Safe Choices
- T - Take Responsibility
- A - Have a Positive Attitude
- R - Show Respect
- S - Solve Problems Peacefully

Students will be earning gold tags throughout each week. Each Friday students will tally up their tags and earn free time choices. A weekly sheet will come home with your child, which will allow you to track their behavior. In addition to gold tags, I will use a few other behavioral tools to promote a positive class climate. One motto I live by in behavior is "No News is Good News". If you are not receiving emails or phone calls about your child's behavior then he/she is displaying STAR behavior. Parents will be contacted and students will be sent home with a "Grow Note" if he/she repetitively breaks a rule or for severe infractions. More information will come home about this as we learn, practice, and understand the school and classroom procedures.

Specials

Students will participate in specials daily. I will send home a schedule with your child's team color and rotation after the 1st day of school. Be sure that your child is wearing tennis shoes on Gym day!

Snack

This year, 1st grade will eat lunch at 10:40. I am requesting that you send a snack with your child every single day. We will enjoy a snack in the afternoon.

Volunteers

There will be many opportunities for parents or family members to volunteer in our classroom. Some opportunities may include: working with students, clerical work, project helpers, cooking assistants, field trip chaperones, party helpers, etc. If you are interested, please sign up on Classtag (app/website). More information about this will be coming home shortly. Thank you in advance for supporting and helping our students grow!

I am sure that this cannot begin to cover everything, but hopefully it will answer many of the questions you may have. I am planning a fun, exciting, learning-packed year for your child! Again, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for all of your support; it is greatly appreciated!! I am looking forward to a great year in Room III!

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