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I like to create the rules with the students the first day of school. They will be similar to the following, be kind, be safe, be responsible, and be an active listener. Your child will be held accountable for his/her actions and behaviors in the classroom, other classrooms, hallway, restroom, cafeteria, and special area classes.

Students who end on OUTSTANDING at the end of the day will receive a jewel to put on their clip. Once the clip is full of jewels, it will be retired to the Outstanding Clips of Fame display in the hallway.

Students who are struggling to make good choices during the day and end on Parent Contact will receive a “Be Proactive…Make Better Choices” note to be sent home and signed by parents/ guardian with an explanation of the behavior.

Please see attached for a detailed explanation of the clip chart.

# Behavior

Homework should be made a priority. Please establish a consistent time and place for your child to complete his/her homework. **Homework will be assigned in your child’s reading and math classes.**

# Lunch

Feel free to join your child for lunch at any time. We ask for you to please wait by the office until we come down the hall or at the cafeteria doors. **Please do not walk your child back down to the room after lunch. This will interfere with valuable instructional time.**

Your child may work with Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Cecil, Mrs. Hutchison, or Mrs. Mizell for reading and math instruction. This is designed to best meet each child’s instructional needs.

# Sending Money

# Flexible Groups

# Homework

When sending money to school, put it in a sealed envelope or Zip lock bag and write **your child’s name and the purpose for the money on the envelope or bag.**

Welcome to First grade at Northside Elementary! My name is Amy Gordon, and I’m excited to be your child’s first grade teacher for the 2015-2016 school year!

First Grade is a very special time in school. Your child will grow and learn in so many ways. I am pleased to be a part of your child’s life for this exciting year! During the first few weeks, I will be getting to know your child. I will assess your child in all academic areas in order to establish learning goals. I have high academic and behavioral expectations for your child. Together, we can make this year a successful learning experience for your child.

Welcome to First Grade

Back to   
School!

banner with apples and crayons

# Grades and Report Cards

Please check the “Back to School Edition” of the Woodford Sun for bus route information. If your child will ever be a car rider, you and anyone else who may be picking your child up from school, must have a pick-up tag issued from the office. The pick-up tag must be visible in the car and your child's tag must be attached to his/her backpack. Students without pick-up tags must be checked out inside the building. If there is a change in your child’s transportation arrangement, please send me a note or call the office. If I do not receive notification of a change, your child will be sent home by his/her regular transportation arrangement.

The following grading scale is used in 1st grade: 1: Satisfactory- student has mastered the objective taught. 2: Making progress- student is inconsistent demonstrating mastery of objective taught. 3: Unsatisfactory- student does not understand the objective taught.

Report Cards will be sent home at the end of each quarter. These reports will show the skills your child has mastered and the skills that your child still needs to work on. Please review each report with your child, sign it, and return to school.

## Transportation

# Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can send a note to school with your child, email, call the school, or schedule a meeting. I check my email throughout the day and I can speak with you after school.

You are encouraged to participate in your child’s educational experience. Volunteering in the classroom, chaperoning field trips, or donating supplies are great ways to get involved - The children and I appreciate all your efforts!

Other volunteer opportunities will be offered through the office and our classroom throughout the year. If you would like to help out during the school day –or- at home, please email me & you will be contacted as needed. THANKS in advance!

\*\***A background check must be completed before any volunteering.**

## Snack Time

Healthy snacks can improve students’ behavior, focus, attention span, academic achievement, and attendance. We will have a short snack time every day. If your child wants a light snack and drink, he/she should bring it each day. Please, no sodas or glass bottles!

## Attendance

School hours are 7:35 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. The tardy bell rings at 7:40 a.m. and attendance is posted promptly. If your child is late they must go to the office and get a tardy slip. Many 1st grade learning activities are group oriented and involve interaction with classmates. Therefore, it is next to impossible to recreate these activities at home. Please view school as a priority and see to it that your child attends every day except in cases of illness or emergency.

# Volunteer Opportunities

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