

Welcome to First Grade!

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to first grade and a brand new school year! I am excited about the opportunity to get to know your child and teach them the joy of learning. Parents, you are a vital part of your child's success in school and I look forward to working with you to help your child succeed. Please read the items in this packet and let me know if you have any questions.

COMMUNICATION

Contact between school and home is very important. I will be keeping in touch with you regarding your child's progress. Please feel free to contact me at school () or by email (haley.young@fppsphoenix.net) if you have any questions or concerns.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are much needed in first grade. As a parent, you must have a fingerprint clearance card in order to be in the classroom. If interested, you can see the front office for more information on how to obtain this.

HOMWORK

Your child will have a folder to bring home each night. The contents of this folder will include the following correspondence:

Right Hand Pocket: this will be labeled "Right Back to School." It will contain a weekly homework sheet with the homework assigned, a spot for Teacher/Parent Comments and how your child's day was.

Left Hand Pocket: this will be labeled "Left at Home." It will contain graded papers and notices from the office. You can empty this pocket nightly.

Homework is given daily Monday-Thursday and will consist of some reading, spelling, and math. Spelling and Phonogram lists are sent out every Friday on the weekly objective sheet to begin preparing for the following week's Spelling and Phonogram Tests. When the homework has been completed, a parent will sign that they have checked it.

POEMS

Your child will be asked to memorize and recite a poem every quarter. The poem can be said on or before the due date. They will be sent home with the weekly objectives, so be sure to keep it posted to study at home.

SPELLING/PHONOGRAMS

Every Thursday and Friday, your child will be given a Spelling and a Phonogram Test. The best score from the two will be recorded for the weekly grade.

READING

- We encourage reading 10-15 minutes each day with your child.
- Sight word assessments will be given each quarter.
- Home readers: Starting in January, each week, students will be given a book to take home. They will have all week to read the book and complete the book report form. These books count toward their end of the year reading award.

CLASSROOM/ SCHOOLWIDE RULES

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

CONSEQUENCES FOR RULE BREAKERS

- Verbal warning
- Name on board (sad face)
- Name on board with a check (walk 5 laps during recess)
- Name on board with two checks (walk 10 laps)
- Name on board with three checks (walk 15 laps)
- **Severe Consequence for repeated inappropriate behavior or an extreme offense** (immediate removal from class to principal.)

REWARDS FOR RULE KEEPERS

- Verbal Praise
- Class Cheer
- Name on Happy Face- star on chart
- Stickers
- Golden Ticket
- Happy Notes Home
- Class Rewards- for filling up Marble Jar
- The Best Reward- Feeling Proud of Yourself!

Welcome to first grade! I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!

~Ms. Young