



First Grade News

We're Off to a Great Start!

Well I think our first week went very well in first grade. The children seem to be adjusting nicely. What a super group of children! We have been talking about treating each other with respect and love. They are doing a great job and making many new friends already.

Snacks and Recess

Next week we are back down to 2 recesses and one snack. We will not be having recess in the afternoon or a snack. The afternoon is much shorter than the morning, so they should make it through the day now that we are more used to the full day routine of school.

Please don't forget to send a healthy snack with your child everyday.

Dress Code

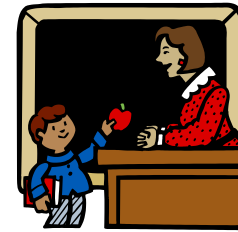
Please be sure your child is following the dress code. White or navy blue socks should be worn. No patterned socks please. The girls' white shirts should not have puffy sleeves, pleats or decoration. Skirts must be fully pleated all the way down or you may buy the skirt. See examples in the office.

Important

Please complete and return the "Student Dismissal Information" sheet before Sept. 9. This is very important! *IF YOU WANT THE CLASS NEWS-LETTER E-MAILED TO YOU PLEASE SEND ME AN E-MAIL AT kdonohue@stthomasgr.org. The newsletters will also be on our web site.

Mrs. Donohue's
Class

Sept. 1, 2011



Classroom Rules

The class and I worked together to come up with 4 classroom rules. They are: 1. Love and trust Jesus. 2. Treat others as you would want to be treated. 3. Respect others and their property. 4. Have fun.

Discipline

I use the "pull a card" system in my classroom for discipline. Each child has four cards in their assigned pouch. Everybody starts the day with a green card which means I'm having a great day! If they are breaking a classroom rule (usually I wait until it gets to be a real problem) then they flip the green card and a yellow card appears. The yellow card is a reminder or warning that they need to make better choices. If the behavior persists then they flip to the next card which is blue. If they have a blue card then they miss 5 minutes of recess. The next card is red and that means they miss 10 minutes of recess and I contact their parents.

Reading

Our Working With Words, the phonics component of our reading, and writing portions of our days have been spent with a name of someone in our class each day. We spend some time with the name itself, then we see if we can make some words with it. During writing we are writing a book about that classmate. We are having a lot of fun with that. We will continue with that until we finish all the names in the class. We also read several books a day together.



Math

We are going to start in our math books next week. I will start by assessing students to see where we are at and then we will be doing some reviewing.

Science

Next week we will begin a unit on germs. We will do an experiment with glitter lotion to see how we pass germs and how difficult they are to get off! We will learn how to rub in the soap to get our hands clean and to sneeze into our elbow and hold our elbow with our other hand. We read a good book about germs too.



Religion

We are taking time after lunch recess everyday to read the Bible and pray together. We are also praying each morning, before eating, after eating, and at the end of the day. We will start our religion book next week.

Lunch

Please be sure your child likes at least one of the choices for hot lunch. I have had a few students who are not eating much for lunch because they don't like anything that is offered and they didn't bring a lunch from home.



Important Dates

Sept. 2 & 5: No School
Sept. 9: All School Mass 9:55 am
Sept. 11: Book Orders Due
Sept. 12: Jean Pass Day
Sept. 14: Open House 7pm
Sept. 26: Non-Uniform Day

Thank you again for sharing your precious children with me. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year.

Christ's Peace,

Kelly Donohue kdonohue@stthomasgr.org

Worship In
Spirit and
Truth

