

2018-2019 Room 215



# Welcome to Mrs. Cooley"s First Grade

#### <u>Arrival</u>

School begins at 7:30.

Early arrivals: Doors open at 7:05 and the first bell rings at 7:20. If you student arrives before 7:20, he/she will need to wait in the gym. If your child arrives after 7:30, he/she will need to stop by the office to get a tardy slip.

## Lunch

Lunch is at 12:30 and you are welcome to eat lunch with your child after the first two weeks. Please sign in at the office and wait outside the cafeteria for us.

For meal information, you can go to www.argyleisd.com. You will need to go to "Departments" then "Child Nutrition prices, menus and to prepay for meals.

#### **Snack**

Your child may bring a healthy snack to eat in the morning after recess. Please do not send foods containing sugar or anything that requires eating utensils.

## Behavior

Classroom rules and consequences are posted in the room. Positive reinforcements include: praise, high fives, checks, tickets, treasure chest items, and marbles for our class party jar. If there is a problem with behavior, the student will move their clothespin.

Green - good day

Yellow - 2 laps

Orange - 5 laps

Red - Complete thinking sheet and take home to be signed by parent.

#### Newsletter

I will send a weekly newsletter home on Friday. The newsletter will include information about what we will be studying the following week. It is important that you read the weekly newsletter to learn of upcoming events and classroom needs.

## Grades

First grade will receive number grades. Reports cards will go home each 9 weeks. Grades will be given for Reading, ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science.

#### Red Folder

Class work and graded papers will be sent home in a red folder. The folder will need to be signed and returned the following day. Please look over your child's work. This will help you see what his/her strengths and weaknesses are. Occasionally there will be papers that need to be corrected and returned. You may keep all the other papers. Report card grades should not be a surprise.

## Homework

Your child will bring home a baggie book with a reading log each night. The baggie book will need to be returned each day along with the signed reading log.

## Specials

Please have your child wear tennis shoes EVERYDAY. We do not have time to change shoes before specials.

## <u>Library</u>

Our school library will be fit inside specials. This means that students will be able to visit the library as a class every tenth school day.

### <u>Birthdays</u> and Parties

You may bring something special for your child's birthday. We will have birthday celebrations at 2:20. You may send birthday treats if you are unable to be here at that time. If your child has invitations for a party, we can only hand those out if you are inviting the entire class or all girls or all boys. No individual invitations can be handed out. They will need to be mailed or distributed a different way. We do not want any hurt feelings. Our parties this year will be Winter and End of the Year.

#### <u>Dismissal</u>

Dismissal is at 2:50. If your child is riding home with someone else or going home a different way than usual, please send a note or call the front office. If you call to make different arrangements, it must be before 12:00. I can't accept your child telling me that they are going home with someone else without a note or phone call to the office.

#### Extra Clothes

Please send an extra set of clothes in case of accidents and place them in the baggie provided to keep in their backpack. The nurse is no longer able to keep clothes in her office.

## <u>Parking</u>

If you visit the campus during the day, please do not park in the staff parking lot ...even if there are empty spots. There are times throughout the day when staff members must leave campus to run a quick errand or attend a meeting. We are on a very tight schedule, and it is important that we are able to utilize our assigned parking spot. Thank you for your cooperation.

I am very excited about this school year and the experiences that your child will encounter in first grade. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

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9:30-10:00 Recess (snack when we

return)

10:00-11:25 Phonics/reading & Daily Five

11:25-12:15 Special Areas

12:15-12:30 Reading cont. & Daily Five

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