





Mrs. Marlo Hesson
Importance of first grade
Philosophy: Hands on approach to learning!
Parental Involvement!







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Fall: twice a week
Spring: everyday



Medical Alerts



### Medicines

You cannot send in any medicine to school with your child. If they need to take any medication, please contact Mrs. Karbach (this includes cough drops).

## **Peanut Allergies**

We have a peanut and tree nut allergy in our class this year. Please DO NOT send in birthday and party treats that contain ANY NUTS.

The students may have them for lunch since there is a peanut free table but please remind your child to wash their hands after eating.







- Please date any notes that are sent into school.
- Only send notes that are for that day.
- You MUST send a note if your child is NOT going home their normal way.
- The students can ONLY ride home on their own bus. This is school policy!
- Please tell your child you placed a note in their folder and remind them to give it to me.
- Any dismissal changes MUST be done prior to 3:00 at the latest.

## CER

#### <u>CER School Age Care</u>

- All parents must re-register each year to update schedules and contact information
- For "As Needed" parents or for a change in schedule please sent in (2) notes. (1) note to the homeroom teacher and (1) note to the SAC Staff.
- Please refrain from emails/voice mails as a substitute will not have access to these accounts.
- In the event of an emergency last minute change, please be sure to speak to a "live person" to assure the message was received.
- In the event we are not sure of your child's schedule your he/she will be held at school under the supervision of our staff.
- CER Child Care closes promptly at 6:00 pm



## Lunch Money



Please label your child's lunch money.

- Please label whether it is for a lunch ticket or just one day.
- If a student forgets his/her lunch money, they are allowed to charge their lunch. Please send in money the following day.
- Remember you can pay or check your child's balance on line at <u>www.schoolpaymentportal.com</u> (there is a link to this on the district website.



Supplies



The students may need additional supplies such as:

Ive sticks, scissors, small box of crayons, pencils, small box of markers.

The only item they may still need is a one inch binder or headphones.

Please label any items that are sent into the classroom.

Please NO large boxes of crayons.

## iPad Classroom

- The students will be using the iPads throughout the school day however they will not be going home.
- If you have any great apps that you have used please let me know.
- Earbuds or headphones are needed, if not purchased already.

## First Grade Curriculum

Journeys: Five day plan (not always) Monday-Friday) Wilson Fundations Pearson Scott Foresman: Math Envision 2.0 Science : Elevate Pearson Social Studies: Macmillan McGraw-Hill TPE (teacher physical education) Specials: Music, Art, PE, Library & Health

# Spelling Tests

In the beginning of the school year the list will consist of: six phonic related words, two high frequency words and four words that will be unknown to the students that will follow our phonic skill for the week.

Don't forget to practice your words on Spelling City!

## Day 5 Tests

The students will be tested on spelling words, phonic skills, language concept, comprehension skill, and sight words for the week on Day 5. The date of the test will always be listed on the spelling pre-test and appear on the spelling page on my website.

## Vocabulary Folders

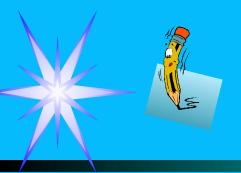
Please review vocabulary words that are in the stamped box with your child. This needs to be signed and returned to school.

The students should be able to read, define, and also use the word in a sentence.

If they have any trouble with a word, please circle it. I will reinforce these at school.

# Fluency Binders

- This year we will keep Fluency Binders to help improve reading fluency.
- When the binder comes home this will be your child's reading homework for that night.
- If it is a word list, it will directly correlate to the skills taught in class.
- Your child can choose a couple of their favorite poems or songs to read.
- They DO NOT have to read the whole binder each time!
- Please read at least twice to your child, read together twice and then have your child recite.
- Please sign the front log and return to school the next day.







The students will write, edit, publish, and share many stories this school year.

I need parent volunteers for the following activities:

> Conferencing with student authors. Typing student-made books.

I will start conferencing in late October. The program runs from 10:00-10:45 the days vary.

## Seatwork Folder









There will be NO percentage grades on anything!
There is a new report card this year that is based on the state standards.

Stresses developing skills not numerical grade!

Report cards will only be accessed by the Parent Portal.

## **Reading Incentive Program**

- Students may borrow from our classroom library or read one of their own.
- Each completed reading sheet will take the students to another state. The goal will be to travel across the United States.
- Rewards will be given at each 10 state increment.
- This is an optional incentive program.







Each child will take the bookbag home for two days.

- Please help them write one page in our class book.
- Supplies will be sent along with the book. Please keep supplies in the bookbag.







- This is another chance to get involved, simply by reading to the students.
- Readers will start in October. I will send home a notice soon to all those who are interested.
- You will receive an email <u>the month prior to</u> <u>when you signed up</u> giving you two dates to choose from that work best for you.
- You need to discuss book choices with me prior to reading to the class.



Cutting Help



- I am looking for volunteers that would be willing to cut out art projects throughout the school year.
- I will send home all the directions and paper that you will need.
- A "due date" will be on the note so you when to have the items back to school.
  Thank you!!!



## **Book Clubs**



We will be ordering from Scholastic.
A date will be stamped on the paper attached to the order form, please return before that date.
Please place a CHECK and the order form into an envelope marked with your child's name or order online with

your credit card.



Star Student



- A posterboard will be sent home along with a Star Student sheet.
- Please decorate and fill out the sheet and return to school by the date listed.
- Students may also bring in some of the following items when they are the Star Student:
  - Show and tell items
  - Favorite books



Homework



- The students are only responsible for the pages that are marked as homework.
- Teacher and students will grade homework.
- I will stamp anything that will require your signature.
- If your child is absent:
  - I can only send homework home after three days.
  - Please notify me of vacations at least a week in advance so I can get some work together for your child.

## Discipline

### Explanation of rules

(posted in the classroom)

### Consequences

The students will receive a note home or an email if they are moved to "Houston, we have a problem".

#### Reward:

Wow board, pretzels and "warm and fuzzie" for a popcorn party.





- I am available from 8:30am-3:40pm. The phone number to the school is 856-767-4888. My extension is 73108. This will give you my voice mail.
- My email address is <u>Hesson@voorhees.k12.nj.us</u>. I will always get back to you as soon as possible. If you do not hear from me, there might be a problem with our email system so contact me via phone or call the office.
- Please feel free to contact me whenever you feel it is necessary.
- ✤ CHECK OUT THE CLASS WEBSITE!
- There are many sites that review what we are teaching, homework and test are listed, Coming events, and much more.

## Extras

- Parent portal
- Class coordinators Party and conference sign ups
- Field Trip to Adventure Aquarium (Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Authors' Night (Thursday, May 21st)
- Chicks (in January)
- Note to your child
- Thank you so much for the supplies!





#### PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE EMPTY THEIR TAKE HOME FOLDER DAILY!!!!

Check their planners every night and return to school.