**1st Grade Information**

**Mrs. Hall**

**General Information:**

* School starts at begins at 8:15 a.m. each day. If late, your child will miss out on important opening and warm-up exercises that will prepare him/her for the day ahead.
* Please be sure that you have labeled all of your child’s clothing, lunch pails, backpacks, etc. with permanent marker.
* Dismissal is at 2:30 p.m. please pick up your child in the front parking lot unless they are enrolled in after school care. Do not use your cell phone while driving in the parking lot. Also, if you must park and walk up to pick you your child, please use the cross walks.
* I will have a few volunteer jobs available in the future if/when we are able to have parent volunteers on campus. I always welcome parent/grandparent help. I will send out volunteer sign-ups and job descriptions when the time comes.
* Please send a healthy snack to school with your child each day. Avoid snacks that are high in sugar. Without a healthy midmorning snack, the children will have difficulty working through until lunch.
* I have a “Star of the Week” program to celebrate each child in my class. I try to schedule each child’s turn during or near the week of his/her birthday. If your child has a summer birthday, we can choose a week that is near his/her half birthday. I will notify you and send home instructions the week prior to your child’s turn.
* If your child has a birthday during the school year, you are welcome to celebrate by bringing a treat to share with the class. If he or she has a summer birthday and you would like to celebrate, we can do it during the week he/she is star. Please do not send birthday party invitations to school with your child unless you intend to invite all of the boys, all of the girls, or the entire class. If you are inviting everybody, you may place invitations in the Friday Folders.
* As you know, we have a uniform policy. Please be sure to review it and have your child in proper dress for school.
* Parent/teacher conferences will be held October 26-30 – each day that week will be a half day. These are mandatory for all families. There will be sign-up sheets in the office when the dates get closer.

**Homework and Friday Folders:**

* Homework will be sent home every Monday in your child’s homework folder. It will usually include a daily math worksheet, a weekly Bible verse, a weekly reading log, as well as a spelling list and activities. Homework should be turned in on Friday. Spelling and Bible verse tests will also be held on Fridays.
* I will be sending home “paper books” each week. These are books that are grade level that your child can keep at home for practice. Please have them read each book several times (you can use this on your reading log too). I will also be sending home sight words to practice. Please review these with your child and keep them at home to use for practice.
* Friday Folders will go home with your child every week on Friday. They will contain important school and classroom information and graded tests and papers that your child has completed in class.

**Behavior/Citizenship:**

* PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is the school wide program for behavior. The students are trained in the proper use of the various areas of our school (classroom, playground, hallways, bathroom, etc.).  Once the students understand the expectations for each of the areas then they will be rewarded for following those expectations with “Bolt Bucks” which can be used to buy prizes. In the event that a student does not understand the expectations then more training will be given.
* In addition to Bolt Bucks, I do several additional positive rewards and motivators that change over the course of the school year. For example, this week we started working on our “bee themed” reward number line. The kids will earn tokens for the class by working quietly during independent work time.
* If your child is having difficulty following our classroom and school behavior expectations, I do my best to contact you early and let you know more specifically the area in which he/she is have difficulty. Then we can work together to correct the problems early and work toward a positive environment for everyone.

**Curriculum:**

* I follow the California Common Core Standards for First grade. Homework, field trips, and classroom projects will always be based on these guidelines.
* If you ever have any questions about what you child is learning and why, feel free to see me. I promise that we will be working hard at all times to make the most of your students’ first grade year.
* Grading – See attached grading rubric.
* Our school utilizes Gradelink for online attendance and gradebook. You may access your child’s current grades at any time using the login information that I have provided.
* ST Math (JiJi) is an amazing computer program that we use at school to help out students visualize math. All of the games are aligned with the common core state standards and go right along with what we are learning in our regular math curriculum.
* Accelerated Reader will be a part of our reading curriculum again this year. This program is computer based and allows your child to earn points for reading books and taking comprehension tests to show that they are understanding the reading material. It is also very useful in helping your child select books that are “just right” for them. I will provide you with some information about your child’s reading level as well as how you can help them choose appropriate books and track their progress on the computer.
* In the event that we go back into distance learning, we will be utilizing google classroom, Zoom and my classroom website. Over the course of the next few weeks, I will be sending home information about how to access your child’s learning.

**About Me:**

I earned my teaching credential from California State University at Long Beach. I completed my student teaching at Ocean View School District and have worked as a substitute teacher for Ocean View and Grace School. I began teaching first grade as a long term substitute here at Grace in March 2004. I have been teaching first grade full time since then.

I am married and have two children that have attended school here at Grace. I attend Church at First Christian Reformed Church of Artesia. I love reading, playing the piano and shopping.

I look forward to spending a great year watching and helping your children learn and grow!

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