

# Homework

Reading practice is crucial to your child's success in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Nightly reading homework consists of reading 20 minutes per night. Your child will bring home a leveled book in his/her book bag each night. When your child has finished reading, please discuss the book to ensure your child is comprehending what he/she is reading.



## Handle with Care

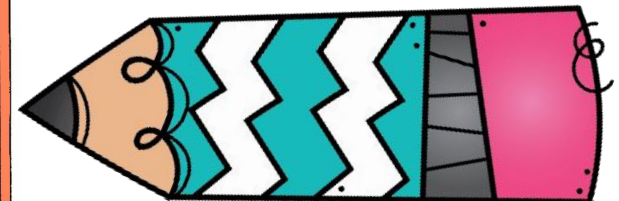
If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please email me "Handle with Care." Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience, or help during the day.

## Clip Chart

This year I will be using a clip chart to positively motivate each child to make good choices. This system gives students the opportunity to move up or down on the chart based on their behavior. Each child starts the day on "Ready to Learn" and can move up to "good/great/outstanding" by making good choices. If they make inappropriate choices, they would move down to "think about it/teacher's choice/parent contact." Your child moves between the colors on the chart throughout the day, and will hopefully be intrinsically motivated to do well.



# WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!



## Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays! Please check with me for our class size, as it changes throughout the school year. Summer birthday? Feel free to send treats for a celebration on their half birthday. (Just let me know!)

### School policy for birthday party invitations:

Often parents ask to distribute party invitations at school. This is acceptable as long as **all children** in the classroom are receiving invitations. When only select children are receiving invitations, please do not distribute them at school. Those children not receiving an invitation can be very upset and they may have difficulty learning that day. Note: Shortly after school begins we will gather information to create a student phone book for families.

## Special Schedule

**Monday** – Gym

**Tuesday** – Music & Guidance

**Wednesday** – Library and Tech Time

**Thursday** – Olweus (Olweus is a Bully Prevention Program) & Music

**Friday** - Art

## Technology



Students will be using a variety of internet-based learning programs throughout the year. Each of the programs directly correlate to your child's current academic level. Your child will be able to access all of these websites from my Symbaloo page, in addition to many other learning web sites. The Symbaloo page is located on my website.

Listed below is your child's personal login information for a few of the educational sites that we use in the classroom. I strongly encourage the use of Odyssey at home to support your child's learning.

**Odyssey Log In:**

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**Odyssey Password:**

**easd1herd**

**RAZ Kids Password:**

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## Contact Information

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\*I am happy to talk with you about your child at any time. However out of respect for my students' privacy, I do not discuss student progress when I have other students in the classroom. If you wish to discuss your child's progress, please contact me to schedule a phone conference.

## Daily Schedule

8:30 am – Class begins

9:30 am – Breakfast

11:15 am – Lunch and Recess

12:15 pm – Specials

1:45 pm – Afternoon Recess

3:25 pm - Dismissal