

## First Grade Syllabus

Dear Parents,

I have enjoyed getting to know your child thus far. We have a lot planned for this year, and with your help, I know it will be a success. My goals for this year include having students reading short stories, writing sentences, and solving math word problems.

As you know, the blue folders go home with your child every day. Please make sure you sign the behavior sheets each day, including FRIDAY! These folders are used to transport homework and any correspondence from myself and the school. A list of sight words is included in the folders. It is important for your child to know these words in order to be able to read. Make sure your child studies these words each night.

Our daily schedule consists of Morning Work, Reading, Language Arts, and Math. Twice a week we will have Social Studies and Science. We also have Mrs. Peterson for writing on Monday and Wednesday and computers on Thursday. Our class is allowed to go to the library every Thursday. During this time, each student has the opportunity to become familiar with the library. Your child can check out a book to read throughout the week. When your child returns the book the following Thursday, they are allowed to check out a new book. We also have canteen on Thursday. This is a fundraiser for the 8th grade class. Students can bring \$.25 to a few dollars to purchase candy, chips, or sports drinks. When you send money with your child in his or her blue folder, please remember to write a note to inform me of the money's purpose!

The first grade class will take tests throughout the year to prepare for ITBS testing and to ensure that they understand the information. Reading, Language Arts, and Social Studies will be assessed on an ongoing basis with short quizzes throughout the year. Mathematic tests will be given at the end of each chapter. This should be about every three weeks. Science tests will also be given at the end of each chapter, about every two weeks.

Please feel free to contact me via email at [aplamas@yahoo.com](mailto:aplamas@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. You may also reach me by calling the school and leaving a message with the office. I will return any calls as soon as possible. Once again, thanks for giving me the opportunity to teach your child and I am looking forward to our year together.

Sincerely,

Ashley Bowden