

Important Course Information

Please read all of this important information to learn about our classroom rules, rewards, discipline plan, and homework policy.

Classroom Rules

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner
- Be Organized and Prepared
- Follow All School Rules

Rewards

I will look for the best in your child and focus on your child's strengths. The following are some of the many ways that students are rewarded for being safe, respectful, organized learners.

- Positive praise!
- Stickers or trinkets from the "prize box"
- Thumbs Up Awards (every other week, in conjunction with Mr. Purpura and students' other teachers)
- Phone calls, notes, or emails to parents/guardians to report behavioral and academic successes.

Discipline Plan

Making mistakes is part of learning. I will make every effort to be fair with your child at all times. Fair and logical consequences will be given to students who choose behavior that is unsafe, disrespectful, or takes away from their own or others' learning. Examples of consequences include:

- Verbal warning
- Meeting with student to discuss problem
- Loss of recess time
- Student fills out a "think sheet" and comes up with a plan to solve his or her problem. Student returns the form to school with a parent signature.
- Phone call home or meeting with the parent
- Student makes a visit to the principal's office.
(Extreme or continuous cases)
- Meeting with the parent/guardian, teacher, and principal to create a plan for success (Extreme or continuous cases)

TeacherEase

Graded items will be posted in TeacherEase throughout each trimester. Every effort will be made to post updates on a weekly basis.

Homework

Homework increases academic growth and responsibility. Homework should be turned in by the due date. Late work will result in a loss of points on each individual assignment. **Please remember that many days there will be time for students to work on homework during the school day. Homework is meant to support learning, not to become burdensome to students or their families. Students should not spend more than 60-75 minutes doing homework each night.** Please send a note with your child or email me if your child is not able to complete his or her homework in the suggested timeframe.

The following assignments are due on a regular basis and will remain consistent throughout the year.

Religion:

- Readings in the Student Text and practice in the Student Activity Book one to four times weekly.
- Family Activity book
- Quiz each chapter (usually on Fridays)

Math:

- Due daily, unless completed in class
- Please practice multiplication facts with your child each day, especially 1-15 and doubles!
- Test every 10 lessons and quizzes periodically

Social Studies:

- As part of our studies, we will learn the states and capitals. Students will be given a worksheet with a section of the United States. Please work with your student to review the states and capitals in the given region. There will be a quiz per section and a final test once we have learned all regions of the United States.
- Other readings and homework to be completed as assigned

Latin:

- Readings, translations, and/or worksheets as assigned
- Regular study of new vocabulary and grammar

Grading of Homework

Homework assignments will be checked for accuracy and feedback will be provided.

In math class only, students will automatically receive full credit for all homework assignments which are complete and have been submitted on time. Assignments will lose one point for each of the following conditions:

- *handed in late*
- *did not complete all assigned items*
- *did not show all work/computations*
- *failure to indicate student name and/or assignment name*

Test Corrections

Students may take advantage of the opportunity to earn additional points by correcting test items which were incorrect on the initial test attempt. Corrections must be written on a

separate sheet of loose leaf paper and must be attached to the original test item. Correct items will earn 0.25 points for each 1 point of original test value.

Extra Credit

In addition to test corrections, extra credit opportunities will be offered from time to time. No extra credit will be offered to students with missing assignments.

Volunteers

There will be several opportunities to volunteer this year. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know as soon as possible. We will need help with our class service project, field trips, special classroom parties and more. Your help is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions please feel free to call, e-mail, or drop by before or after school. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with you for the success of your child!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Draper

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