

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

Syllabus for First Grade in Ms. Sweeten's class

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English/Language Arts/Reading (ELAR)

Developing strong reading skills is essential for my students. We will have a Literacy Block (Daily 5 Rotations with English and Phonics skills included) every morning. We will be covering strategies that help children become confident readers (i.e., comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and expanding vocabulary); we will be working with words through guided phonics lessons and practice; we will use the knowledge gained to become writers who express themselves for a particular purpose; we will practice our handwriting skills; and we will be learning to spell our “No Excuse” words.

Mathematics

During mathematics, we will build on our number sense knowledge and continue to expand on number relationships. I have allotted time daily for instruction and practice in the development of these skills. I use the district approved materials to help the students know and understand the importance of mathematics in our lives.

Science/Social Studies/Art

These subjects will be incorporated into our basic blocks (ELAR and Math) with extra time devoted to focus on a district-approved curriculum objective.

Grading Policy

Daily grades and test grades are weighted the same at this level. Semester grades are an average of the three 6-week periods.

Tentative Daily Schedule

7:30-8:00 Breakfast (Cafeteria)/Brain Warmup: Math Activities (Classroom)

8:00-8:15 Morning Phonics or Handwriting Warmups

8:15-9:30 Daily 5 Rotations (Meet with Teacher; Word Work; Read to Self; Read with Someone; Work on Writing)

9:30-9:40 Bathroom

9:40-10:25 P.E./My conferencing time

10:30-11:15 Lunch and Recess

11:15-12:50 Math Block

12:50-1:20 Bathroom/BrainBreak/Snack

1:20-1:50 Language Arts

1:50-2:20 Science or Social Studies

2:20-3:00 RTI (Response to Intervention) or IXL/Work completion

3:00-3:30 Library Time (Monday)/Art/Parties/Pep Rallies, etc,

3:30-3:40 Closing/Clean up/Get ready to go home

Expectations

Kindness will be the foundation for our classroom behavior management policy. It has been my experience that children tend to misbehave for 1 of 2 reasons: one—they are bored; or two—they are frustrated. I believe it is my job to present them with material that keeps them actively engaged in their learning, AND make sure that they fully understand the concepts I have presented. If I do my job, I anticipate that infractions will be few and far between. When they do happen (because some children do like to “push the edge of the envelope!”), I will follow the Nueces Canyon Elementary Discipline Rubric (included in this packet).

I look forward to working with you and your child as he/she grows and develops.

Thank you.

Ms. Diana Sweeten

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the classroom expectations for Ms. Sweeten's classroom.

Print Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Print Student Name _____

Student Signature _____