

August 11, 2011

Dear Parents,

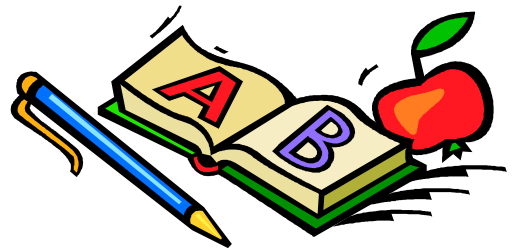
This week begins a brand new school year for all of us, and I'd like to extend a warm welcome to my students.

I have put together a handbook of information to help you and your child become familiar with my expectations for the school year. Take a day or two to read through this information, and then sign below by Monday. You may want to keep the handbook in a special place so that you may refer to it throughout the year. If you need to contact me, you can send a note, email me, or call the school. My email address is harrisonj9@k12tn.net. I check my email each day and I will respond promptly. If you do not have email, you may call the school and leave a message (547-8020).

I'm looking forward to an exciting year with my class. Thank you for your cooperation in getting this year off to a great start!

Sincerely,

Jessica Harrison



Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Communication

Communication is important for your child's success! I will mainly communicate with parents via the Student Planner. Please check and sign your child's planner daily, even if I haven't written a note! If you need to send a note, please send it in the planner - I check them each morning. This is also the best way to schedule a meeting. You may also email me at harrisonj9@k12tn.net, or call the school and leave a message (547-8020).

Weekly Progress Reports

I send home a Weekly Folder each Monday, and I ask that you sign it and return it on Tuesday. I will include all the graded papers for the previous week in the folder. Please remove the papers, sign it, and return it to school with your child on Tuesday.



Physical Education Program



Our class participates in physical education on Monday and Wednesday. However, we will always play outside as long as the weather permits. We do exercises, practice P.E. skills, and play games. Therefore, your child needs to wear appropriate clothing and footwear (no flip-flops or Crocs!) each day. Students who wear dress clothes or shoes should be prepared to change into appropriate clothing before our P.E. class. Slick shoes or restrictive clothing can be a hazard during physical education activities. All children will be expected to participate unless they have a note excusing them.

Attendance & Illnesses

Regular school attendance is critical to the learning process. Our school day officially starts at 8:00 a.m. When your child is absent or tardy, he or she misses valuable instructional time. Please send a written note whenever your child is absent.



Lunch and Specials Schedule

Lunch 11:30 - 12:00

Specials -varies daily



Monday - Guidance & PE Tuesday - Music Wednesday - Library & PE
Thursday - Computer Friday - Art

Homework/Class work

I believe that homework is necessary for practicing skills that have been learned, or for enriching the classroom experience. On the other hand, I don't believe in overloading students with busywork!



In order to help students get their homework assignments finished, students will be given a Student Planner and a homework folder. Students will write their assignments in their planner and place any important papers in the folder (for the first few weeks, I will help with this task). After they complete an assignment, they should place it in the front pocket of the folder. I encourage parents to review the contents of your child's homework folder and planner each night. Please remember to sign your child's planner each night!

Lunch Money

As you know, students who do not receive free lunch must either pay for one or bring their own from home. If you send lunch money with your child, please place it in a sealed envelope with his or her name clearly printed on the front and the classroom name (3H).



Mid-Morning Snacks

I have found it beneficial for the class to have a mid-morning healthy snack. This year our lunch is at 11:30. The children will be hungry before that time! On your child's assigned snack day, please send a healthy snack for the whole class. We currently have 17 students. Please do not send in sweet or sticky items like cake, brownies, frosted cookies, or cupcakes. The following are examples of healthy snacks that we can enjoy while we continue to work.

- ◆ apples
- ◆ carrot sticks
- ◆ peanuts
- ◆ oyster crackers
- ◆ cheese crackers
- ◆ small box of raisins
- ◆ grapes
- ◆ pretzels
- ◆ graham crackers
- ◆ dried fruit
- ◆ peanut butter crackers
- ◆ cereal bars
- ◆ dry cereal (Cheerio's, Kix, etc)

