



Parent Guide for Mrs. McCallar's 1st Grade Class 2011-2012

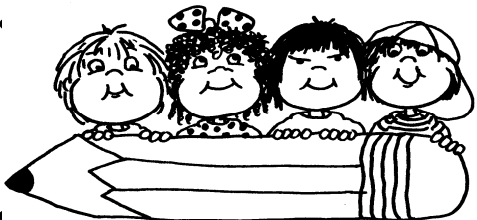
Welcome! I am so excited about the upcoming year in our 1st grade classroom. My name is Melissa McCallar, and I am looking forward to working with you and your child. I am new to Joseph Martin this year but recognize many familiar faces from Liberty County Pre-K. I hope that you had a restful summer because we are going to be very busy once school starts. This guide is intended to help you become familiar with our classroom. Please let me know if you have any questions as you read over this information. I know this is going to be a GREAT year! ☺

Classroom Management

It is my responsibility to create a positive learning environment. To achieve this, students are expected to adhere to the following rules:

1. Listen carefully.
2. Follow directions.
3. Respect yourself and others.
4. Have a positive attitude!

Students may lose privileges (like time at recess) as a consequence for not following class rules.



Uniform Information

Please remember that students are required to wear school uniforms unless it is a designated "dress down" day. See the Code of Conduct for more info.

Breakfast & Lunch

Our lunchtime will be around 11:40. If you are able, you may join your child for lunch at school. Adult meals are available for purchase for \$3.00. Please make sure you stop by the office to get a pass. Students who wish to eat breakfast in the cafeteria may do so after checking in with me first.

Your child's account should carry over from the previous year. Please see Mrs. Strickland in the cafeteria to check your child's meal account balance.

Please note- if you send in lunch money with your child, it needs to be placed in an envelope that is labeled "LUNCH" with your child's name.



Supplies

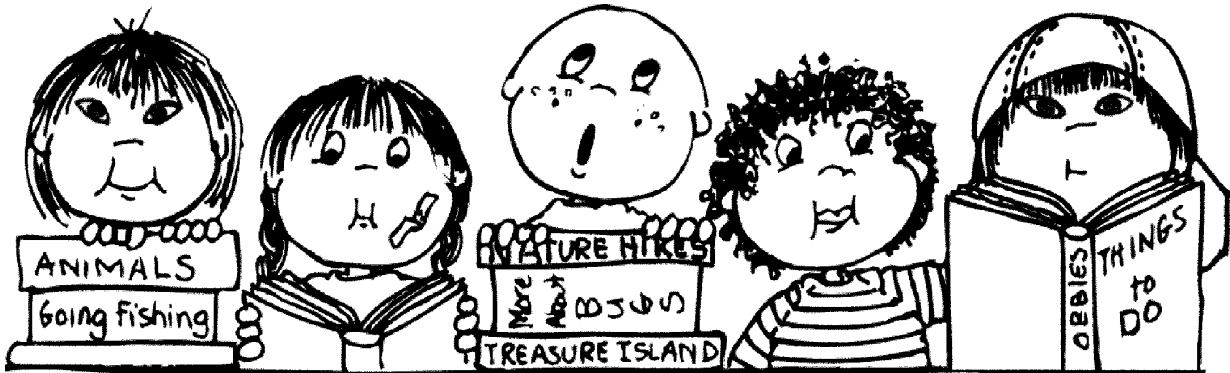
I will provide all of the supplies your child will need other than a bookbag, notebook paper, and pencils. Each student needs these materials and their agendas and homework folders daily. Any donated items like hand sanitizer and tissue are appreciated!

Arrival & Dismissal

As you are aware, students arrive at school in a variety of ways. Students may not be dropped off prior to 7:20 AM (unless they are enrolled in PrYme TYme) and must arrive before 7:40 AM. Any student who arrives after 7:40 AM is considered tardy and must receive a pass from the office. If school buses arrive late, the students will not be considered tardy. I really encourage you to make sure your child arrives as close to 7:20 AM as possible. This allows plenty of time for breakfast and other morning activities.

Afternoon dismissal procedures are very important for younger students. I am responsible for making sure that each child leaves in the manner chosen by you. Students who are parent pick-up, daycare, PrYme TYme, and walkers are called to the designated location before bus dismissal begins. I will escort all bus riders to their buses once bus dismissal begins.

VERY IMPORTANT...All students will be transported as you have designated unless I have written notification otherwise! I know that sometimes changes must be made during the school day by contacting the office, but please make this on an emergency basis only!



Visits & Conferences

I believe it is important to share what we are learning and doing in class with our families. I have created a class blog as a means of providing you updates about our class, in addition to sending home weekly newsletters. I also communicate daily with you in your child's agenda.

Parents may drop by to observe or volunteer during the instructional day, but I am unable to meet with parents until all students have been dismissed. If you wish to check on your child's progress or schedule a conference, I am available most afternoons from 2:40-3:00 P.M. You can schedule a conference by contacting the office. If you wish to speak with me during instructional time, I ask that you leave a message with the office staff, and I will respond as soon as I am able. I try to respond to e-mails in a timely manner, but I do not answer e-mails during instructional time.

Contact Me!

Let's work together to make this the best year ever for your child!

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