

**ABC's of First Grade**  
**Ms. Rofail**  
**Stokesdale Elementary**  
**2023-2024**

**Arrival/Dismissal :**

☺ The school opens at 7:00 am. Students will come directly to the classroom to unpack, use the restroom, eat breakfast if needed, and complete their morning work. The tardy bell will ring at 7:25. School will dismiss each day at 2:10 pm.

**Absences:**

☺ If your child misses school for any reason, you will need to send an excuse note the day he/she returns to school in his/her homework folder.

**Behavior:** Students will be recognized for their positive behavior as we create a community environment that encourages our students to work together as a team. In our classroom, we use a positive behavior system. We focus on the positive choices that children make. On the first day of school, we read the book "Have you filled a bucket today?". This book demonstrates that when we choose to be kind, we not only fill the buckets of those around us, but also fill our OWN bucket! With that being said, each student has a small bucket. Students are able to earn pom poms for good choices, following the classroom rules, using manners, and most importantly showing kindness to others. When a student has filled their bucket, they will be able to choose from our list of prizes. This may include a trip to the treasure box, a toy for their desk pet, getting to use a pen, sitting with a buddy, etc.

We also have a whole class behavior reward system. The students will work towards growing our "flower" together. If I see the whole class by getting compliments from other teachers, administrators, by being on task in the classroom, exhibiting good hallway behavior, and making good choices then we will add a pedal to our flower. In the center of the flower is what our class is working towards. That might be show and tell, pajama day, bring a stuffed animal to school etc.

## Breakfast:

☺ Breakfast is served daily from 7:00-7:25. If your child is having breakfast, please be sure they arrive at 7:00 so they have ample time to eat before beginning our school day. Breakfast stops being served at 7:25.

## Contact

☺ Ways to contact me!

- \* **Class Dojo-Best way to contact me!** (Please scan QR Code included in folder, contact me through email with any issues)
- \* **Email-** [harrisb11@gcsnc.com](mailto:harrisb11@gcsnc.com)
- \* **Phone:** 336.643.8420

## Conferences

- ☺ Mandatory parent conferences will be held during the first semester (October/November) and optional conferences during the second semester (March/April).
- ☺ Time frames will be 15 minute blocks for each parent conference.
- ☺ You can also request a parent/phone conference any day throughout the year, and we will collaborate on a time to meet.

## Field Trips

☺ We will most likely be taking at least three field trips this year. You will be notified by me when/where these will happen. If a field trip requires chaperones I will let you know! If you would like to volunteer you need to register as a GCS volunteer at [gcsvolunteers.com](http://gcsvolunteers.com).

## Folders

☺ **Take Home Folder:** Your child will have a red Take Home folder that they will bring home, weekly. This folder will have important information, completed work, etc. Pockets are labeled, **Leave Home** and **Bring Back**. I will guide the students in placing their papers in their folders each week.

## Homework

☺ Please read for 20-30 minutes each night with your child. Your child will receive a monthly reading log to initial, nightly. Please keep the reading log at home and turn in at the end of each month. Other homework/small assignments may be added at times throughout the year.

## Lunch/Snack

☺ Our lunch time is **10:35-11:00**. If you send money with your child, please put the money in a labeled envelope in their homework folder. You can also pay for your child's lunch online at [www.lunchprepay.com](http://www.lunchprepay.com).

☺ Our **snack** time is in the **afternoon** due to our **early** lunch. Please send in a small **healthy** snack for your child to enjoy! Extra snacks are welcome and great to have on hand for students who may forget to bring a snack, from time to time.

☺ **Water bottles** are allowed at our desks throughout the day as long as they are not a distraction. Extra water bottles are welcome too.

## Newsletter

☺ Our class newsletter will be sent home between Fridays and Sundays via Class dojo. This newsletter is a great tool to keep you updated on what we are learning in our classroom as well as important dates and events.

## Schedule

☺ I have attached a copy of our daily schedule to this packet. We will be following this schedule regularly, although times are subject to change as the school year goes on.

☺ Our daily specials are as follows: Monday: Media Tuesday: Music, Wednesday: Art, Thursday: Computers Friday: PE. **Please have your child wear sneakers for PE every Friday, and bring library books on Mondays!**

## Supplies

☺ Most supplies become "community" supplies in our classroom. This means we all share them when needed. Supplies such as pencil pouches and scissors are personal items for your child that they will not have to share with their classmates. Please refer to the attached supply list to know which items to label with your child's name. Please note: the

supply list attached to this packet is slightly different from the one posted online. Please email me with any questions you might have about specific items, if necessary.