

1st Grade Handbook

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First Grade Class Handbook

Welcome to first grade! This will be an exciting and adventurous year! I've created this handbook to give you an explanation of your child's first grade class. This handbook will provide information regarding the expectations, organization, and other aspects of first grade. Students will apply skills in reading, writing, listening, discussion, using technology, and employing research skills this year. We will solve real-world problems in mathematics, science, and social studies as critical thinkers. Students will work to become questioning, independent, and productive members of our community. **Please read this handbook and save for later reference.**

Teacher Background

This year marks my eleventh year at Sedalia! I have taught first grade for 7 years, as well as kindergarten and second grade. I am originally from Michigan, and a graduate of the University of Michigan. I live in Liberty with my husband Mr. Mentley, my sons Jack and Eli, and my dog Samson.

Homework, Incomplete, & Make-Up Work

Homework

Guilford County Schools asks all children read for 30 minutes each night. Part of that 30 minute reading time will include rereading a passage or text read in class, and completing a math activity. More information to follow soon!

Incomplete Work

If students don't finish their class work, it will be sent home to be completed as homework. I will attach an Uh-Oh! note explaining why the work was not complete. Students are expected to complete incomplete classwork as homework. I always encourage my students to do their best work on their classwork. If there are any errors, I will circle them, and have them correct the errors. Time doesn't always allow for students to correct their work in class. Please review errors with your child and help them fix them at home.

Make-Up Work

If your child is absent, missed work will be given when they return to school. Please complete missed work and return within 5 school days.

Attendance, Daily Arrival, & Dismissal

Attendance is critical to your child's learning this year. Missing school means missing learning! **I cannot stress how important it is for your child to attend school every single day, to arrive on time, and to stay until dismissal.** If your child is sick and must miss school, please send a note, email, or Dojo message so your child's absence can be changed to excused. The tardy bell rings at 7:25AM. Our school day ends at 2:05PM.

*****If you need to change how your child is getting home, please inform the front office by 12:00PM. Emailing me that day WILL NOT ENSURE that I will get the message before dismissal.*****

Behavior: Rules & Expectations

Our school rules help to ensure that your child will have a successful school year. Students are to adhere to the school and classroom rules of conduct. Doing so will help your child manage the responsibility of first grade expectations. On the first day of school, students will make a commitment to follow the rules.

Classroom Rules/Goals:

- Follow all school rules and expectations: be respectful, be responsible, and be safe.
- In addition, we follow Whole Brain Rules at Sedalia:
 - Follow directions quickly.
 - Raise your hand for permission to speak.
 - Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat.
 - Make smart choices.
 - Keep your dear teacher happy.
- Our school has elected to use the behavior management website called Class Dojo. This will allow you to check on your child's behavior from day to day. It will also allow you to see pictures or updates that may occur! Please sign up for this free account so that we can work as a team and make this school year the best it can be! They will earn or lose points in specific "goals" (i.e. following directions, teamwork, helping others, participating, etc). Connect to our class dojo here:
<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CWKT94C>
- Rewards: At the end of the week, students will have a chance to visit my Class Dojo store to spend their points. Points will reset back to zero after school at the end of each week.

School Supplies

Most necessary supplies were donated by my friends and family. If you can donate the following, I would appreciate it!

- Kleenex
- Sanitizing wipes
- Pencils
- Plastic pencil box
- Crayons – 24 count
- Scissors
- Headphones

Please donate an item from our Amazon Wish List!



Dress Code

Closed-toe shoes are best for PE and recess time (no heels please!). If you know your child fidgets with items such as hair accessories, shoe accessories, or jewelry, please do not send these things to school. Our goal is always to stay focused on learning. During the colder months it is very important for your child to dress warmly when coming to school. Students will be outside for recess on most days even in the winter. Please bring a winter coat, gloves, hat, and a scarf as needed according to the weather.

Medications, Injuries, & Illness

Our school has a part-time nurse in charge of distributing medications your child may need. Doctor's instructions must accompany any prescriptions sent to school. The office will need a medical release form for ALL medications, including cough drops, cough medicine, creams, and Tylenol/Motrin.

If your child has asthma and requires an inhaler, please send one to the nurse as soon as possible. Physical education and recess start on the first day of school – I want to make sure any students with potential breathing issues have medications readily available. If your child has allergies, especially food allergies, alert the office immediately!

Please update your contact information throughout the year if it changes. This way we can contact you in the case of injury, illness, or emergency.

Class Schedule

Our classes follow this daily schedule:

7:05-7:25	Morning Work and Announcements
7:25-7:45	Finish Morning Work, Eat Breakfast, and Morning SEL Meeting
7:45-8:45	Differentiated Reading Groups and RIME
8:45-9:30	Skills
9:30-10:45	Math
10:45-11:00	Heggerty
11:05-11:35	Lunch
11:35-12:05	Recess
12:05-12:15	Bathroom and Water Break
12:15-12:55	Specials (PE is on Wednesdays)
12:50-1:40	Listening and Learning
1:40-2:00	Science/Social Studies
2:05	Closing Meeting, Dismissal

Please note: The schedule may be altered for special events, assemblies, and late start or early release days.

Lunch and Snack

Our lunch time is at **11:05** am. You are welcome to send a water bottle with your child. We do not currently have snack time.

Communication Between Families & Teacher

You may contact me via phone, or email.

Method of Communication	Contact Info
School Phone	(336) 449-4711, Ext. 1618
Teacher's Email	mentlem@gcsnc.com
Class Dojo	https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CWKT94C

Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to review this handbook. Please save this document and refer to it as needed throughout the year. I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year! I look forward to building a partnership with you and your child to ensure he/she has a wonderful year. Please never hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.