



Back to School Night
September 24, 2009



I want to officially welcome you and your child to room 1. The following is some important information that will help you and your child this school year.

Classroom Rules

1. Be a Good Listener.
2. Be Kind to Everyone.
3. Be Safe.
4. Be the Best You Can Be!

Discipline

Positive Reinforcement

- Verbal praise
- Stickers/stamps
- Treasure Box- Table points

Children need to know that when rules are not followed there will be consequences. A behavior chart in the classroom keeps track of students' behavior on a daily basis. Everyday your child will color in a square on his/her personal behavior chart (located inside blue homework folder). Please make sure to check this everyday and praise your child if he/she had a great day. If your child did not stay on green please talk to your child about how he/she can make "tomorrow" a better day.

Behavior Chart

Green- Great Day!

Yellow- Warning.

Blue- Lose 10 minutes of recess.

Red- Lose 10 minutes of recess and phone call or note home to parents. (If a note is sent home please sign and return it so I know that you received it)

Homework- Newsletter can always be found at www.stfrancesofromeschool.org

- Homework will be sent home daily Monday–Thursday. The homework must be turned in the following day. Homework should not take more than 30 minutes to complete. Please contact me if your child is spending longer than this on his/her homework.
- Homework must be done in pencil and colored when necessary. It must also be done neat, complete, and correct. The only exception is in spelling. Your child should spell all his/her sight words (like, my, she), and CVC words (cat, pet, mop) correctly, but when your child is writing a “difficult” word please do not correct the spelling. Instead, encourage your child to spell the word on his/her own or help them sound it out. I want your child to risk-take and attempt to spell hard words they don’t know how to spell.
- This is a very crucial age for your child’s literacy development; therefore, you should be reading to/with your child every night.

Homework Folders

Everyday your child will take home his/her blue homework folder. On one side of the folder labeled “Stays Home” you will come across papers that were finished in class or flyers that were sent home. These papers do not need to be returned to school. Please take them out and leave them at home. The other side of the folder is labeled “Back to School”. Here you will find your child’s homework and anything else that needs to be returned to school the following day.

P.E

P.E. is on Wednesday. Please send your child to school with his/her P.E. uniform on these days. The P.E. teacher is Coach Denise.

Music

Music is on Tuesdays. The music teacher is Miss. Acosta

Library

Library is on Mondays. If your child takes home his/her library books please make sure they are returned by Monday or you will be charged. The library teacher is Mrs. Ball.

Computers

Computers are on Mondays. The computer teacher is Mrs. Grigolla.

Snack and Lunch

Snacks and lunches should be in lunch box or in a bag that is clearly labeled with your child's name. Snacks and lunches should be in separate bags. This prevents your child from eating the majority of the food at snack time and not having much left for lunch.

Please send a snack with your child on Fridays.

Money

If at any time your child comes to school with money (fundraisers, book orders, etc.), please send it in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and place it in your child's Homework Folder.

Birthdays

Birthdays are a time of fun and celebration. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in the classroom, I ask that you stick to something simple. This may include cupcakes and juice, cookies and punch, etc. The best time of the day is recess, or lunch. I just ask that you let me know in advance when you plan on coming in to celebrate this very special day so I can plan accordingly.

Questions or Concerns

I am always available to answer any questions you may have regarding your child.

1. You can always reach me before school or after 3:15 p.m.
2. You can send a note with your child with your name, number and the best time to call.
3. You can schedule a day and time to meet with me.

Thank you,

Ms. Branca

1st Grade Religion

Blest are We

Scripture/Christian Life

- Recognizes the Bible as the story of God's people
- Reverences the Bible as God's Special book
- Learns about Jesus from the Bible
- Becomes Familiar with stories from the Bible

Sacraments/Worship

- Baptism
- Eucharist
- Reconciliation
- Prayer
- Mass
- Rituals/Activities (Advent Wreath, Christmas Crib)

Morality/Social Justice

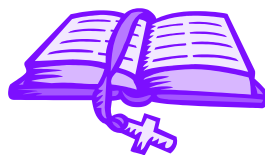
- Love God- Love Self and Others
- Recognizes sin as turning away from God

Christian Faith and Practice

- Recognizes God created people and the world out of love
- Recognizes Mary as Jesus' mother
- Understands Saints as models of faith in our lives
- Identifies Church as a community of people who come together in God's name

Prayers

- Sign of the Cross
- Glory Be
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Grace (before/after meals)
- Angel of God
- Salute to the Cross



Prayers

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,
and of the son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father,
and to the son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against
us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord,
and these your gifts,
which we are about to receive,
from your bounty,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Grace After Meals

We give you thanks for all your gifts,
almighty God,
living and reigning now and forever.
Amen.

Angel of God

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Salute to the Cross

I pledge allegiance to the Cross,
and to him who died thereon.
May He protect and guide us,
and bless us, everyone.