

Grade 1: Beginning of Year Conferences

Our Goals for This Year: We have the same goals for your children. We are dedicated to ensuring the students feel safe, comfortable, happy and engaged this year. We look forward to

getting to know them and help their brains grow. We also intend to focus on something called the

perfect triangle- Parent, Teacher, Child...meaning in order for each child to be successful, we

must all work together. Remember, our goal is the same as yours- to help your child reach their

potential.

School Supplies: A 1st grade supply list was posted over the summer on the school Dojo. All

school supplies were already sent in - thank you so much! Each child should have an individual,

zipper pencil case. Some supplies may be used as community supplies (disinfected daily), while

others may be for your child's individual use. If there are any concerns, please let us know.

Attendance Policy: If your child is absent, please Dojo us and let us know. You must also call

the office on those days. Please send in an absent note when your child returns to school.

Homework Requirements: Homework will be assigned everyday other than Fridays.

Homework is given to reinforce what we learned during the school day and should be completed

independently. Weekly packets will be sent home at the beginning of the week. Math Succeed

(Homework) Workbooks are to be kept home, or if your child attends NIA or after school, they

should remain in their backpack. We are asking for you to rip out the homework page each night

and return it to school the following day in your child's homework folder.

***Behavior Chart*:** This year we will use a similar behavior system as the one the students used

in Kindergarten (if they attended PS 52). Students will start each day on green. If students are not

following the classroom rules, they will be moved to yellow. If students continue to not follow

the rules, or exhibit behavior such as playing or talking on a fire drill, they will be moved to red.

In our classroom, we have added some positive reinforcement as well. If students display great

behavior, they will be moved to purple and if they go above and beyond to help classmates or

exhibit exceptional behavior, they will be moved to pink. At the end of each school day, students

will color their behavior chart in their homework folder. In order for you to provide support at

home, we ask that you initial each night to indicate that you have seen your child's behavior for

that day.

Class Schedule: Grade 1 has Music, Science, Social Studies, and Gym. On the days that the

students have gym, please have them wear their gym uniforms and sneakers. All of the 1st grade

classes eat lunch 4th period each day (10:46AM - 11:36AM)

School Information:

PS 52

718-351-5454

Principal: Mrs. Cancel

Assistant Principals:

Mrs. Palmeri

Mrs. Muccigrosso

Ms. Forde

Classroom Policies and Procedures:

Policies- Students are expected to wear school uniforms Monday-Thursday. They should wear

Gym uniforms and sneakers on Gym days. Fridays are dress-down days!

Procedures- Students should be on time each day. The school day begins at 8:00 am.

In 1st grade, we work on fostering independence as much as possible, therefore students are

responsible for unpacking and emptying their folders. We then complete the morning routines

and begin learning. Dismissal is at 2:14 pm each day.

Curriculum:

Math- Eureka Math

Reading/Language Arts- HMH Into Reading and Orton Gillingham

Dismissal: 2:14pm at Exit 9

Each child will be dismissed one by one. If your child goes to NIA, they will be picked up from the classroom and brought to NIA. If they take the bus, they will be picked up from the classroom and escorted to the necessary location. If there is ever a day where your child

is not being dismissed in their typical way, please be sure to let us know ASAP via dojo AND A written notice. STUDENTS CAN ONLY BE DISMISSED TO INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON THEIR BLUE CARD- NO EXCEPTIONS.

Grading System: There is a grading system with a five-point grading system that measures

student growth:

ME – Exceeds standards

MA – Above standards

MT – Meeting standards

MP – Approaching standards

MB – Below standards

Assessments: For Math, all assessments will be taken on paper - we will be sure to notify you

when we will be reviewing in class for our assessments. Also for Math, topic quizzes may be

given and sent home so you can track your child's progress. For HMH, we will be giving paper

assessments throughout the month. This is given to drive our instruction and make small groups

in the classroom.

Morning Arrival Procedures: Grade 1 will be lining up in the gym. Students may enter from

Nugent Avenue. Children can eat breakfast in the cafeteria starting at 7:40AM. Teachers will

pick children up from the gym and classes will enter through assigned entrances to maintain

social distance.

Meals at School: Breakfast will be available in the morning before morning arrival, starting at

7:40AM. For lunch, the period will be split, so the children will eat for half the period and then

go play outside for the rest of the time. Please note there is no snack time in 1st grade.

Medical: Please keep the school nurse and us informed of any allergies or medical conditions

your child may have. If your child is sick and stays home from school, please send a Class Dojo

message in the morning. Absent notes must be handed in when your child returns to school.

Birthdays: This year birthdays will still be celebrated in the classroom. Fortunately, parents will

be able to attend. If you would like to send something in for your child's birthday, please let us

know and we can schedule a day. Also, food and drinks should be individually wrapped. Please

send in one flavor of the birthday treat (ex- all chocolate munchkins) in order to be fair to all

children. Goodie bags of ANY kind are NOT permitted and will be returned home if sent in.

Students are not allowed to leave school with any food.