



Welcome To The First Grade!



I'm excited about this year and look forward to the experience with you!

Friday Folders: A “Good Work” folder will be sent home each Friday. This folder will contain your child’s graded work and a brief report of your child’s academic and social performance. Please sign and return this folder on Monday. Your child’s work is yours to keep and enjoy!

Homework: A homework packet will be sent home each Friday with your child. The homework is not designed to be a burden on your child, but to reinforce concepts taught at school. This gives you an opportunity to take an active role in your child’s education. The homework is due the following Thursday. I will include a classroom newsletter in the homework folder. It will contain important classroom information so it will be important that you read it each week. The newsletter will also be posted on the Zion website each week.

Chapel: Chapel will be held each Wednesday. Be sure to check the uniform policy to see what your child needs to wear on chapel days.

Nutrition Break: We will have a nutrition break each morning. Acceptable snacks that students may bring are fruits, vegetables, cheese, peanut butter and crackers. Please do not send drinks or foods containing a large amount of sugar for snack time.

Attendance: It is extremely important that each child be in school unless he/she is ill. Even if a child is a very capable student, each absence hinders the overall program. A multitude of reading and math concepts are taught visually, orally and with manipulatives. The absent child misses out on the varied approach as there is little time for making up one concept before beginning a new one.

Promptness: Please help your child to start the day off right by arriving between 7:50 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. each day. This helps your child to prepare for the day before the 8:00 a.m. bell rings. School begins promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Birthdays: A birthday is an important day in your child's life, and we would like the students to be able to celebrate at school. I will call you beforehand, to give you the opportunity to bring a special snack for us to enjoy during morning recess. If you are planning a birthday party at your home and are inviting the whole class, all of the boys, or all of the girls, you may pass out invitations at school. If not, you will need to deliver the invitations another way.

Toys: Due to the possibility of loss or damage, please do not allow your child to bring toys to school. Playground toys such as jump ropes, four square balls, basketballs, soccer balls etc. are fine. Please mark them with your child's name. There are no hard balls allowed.

As we join together this year with the common goal of helping your child grow spiritually, socially, and academically, we are forming a partnership. If you have any questions or concerns this year, please contact me by phone (760-390-2711), by e-mail (sellis@zlbs.org), or come see me in person and we will work it out to the benefit of your child. Communication is one of the big keys to any relationship. May God bless this year we have together!

