



# BACK TO SCHOOL!



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## Mrs. Shores's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class

### Welcome Back!

I hope you had a fantastic summer! It seemed to go by so fast! I can not wait to read about your child's summer adventures! I'm excited to be your teacher!

Welcome to 1st grade! Your child will be assessed in reading, writing and math and will be expected to work at his or her own potential. Your child will be taught strategies beginning the first day of school to become a self-regulated learner.

We will use small groups to teach each child how to cooperate, problem solve, and become a critical thinker.



### P.R.I.D.E. Behavior

PRIDE stands for politeness, respect, integrity, discipline and effort. These are the qualities your child will be taught building wide to help them build character traits that will benefit them in everything that they do.

The goal of every Weller student is to become a PRIDE Panther and place their handprint on the wall. They will then be recognized at Friday Sing, which will be held every Friday this year.

All students will be expected to remain hands off and words off. Hands on refers to any

touching of another student in an aggressive manner. Words on refers to anything spoken to another student that threatens, teases, or hurts them.

Weller is a bully proof school; any bullying behavior should be reported to me so that I can immediately correct the problem.

### Arriving On Time

Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:20. This is when the doors open and there will be no staff there before this time to supervise. Students are dismissed to go to their classes at 8:35. I encourage you to have your child here on time so that they can take advantage of the breakfast opportunity we serve immediately in the morning. Students will be considered tardy if they are not at school and seated at their desk by 8:50 am and **MUST** check in at the office. We will begin our reading lesson/groups at this time.

### Birthdays and Snacks

We will not have a scheduled snack time. Therefore, it is important to have your child at the school at 8:30 for breakfast if they are not going to eat at home.

Birthdays will be the same for every child. Each child will receive a small gift from me.

If any parents would like to bring food for holiday parties, please bring only prepackaged food and enough for at least 25 students. Any food that is home made may not be consumed by the students due to health regulations. The district healthy food guidelines should also be followed when selecting snacks.

## This Year's Assignments

This year Springfield Public Schools will continue to implement Everyday Mathematics. Your child should be familiar with the terms and problems and should see great improvements in mathematical reasoning this year.

In order to assess your child's math and writing understanding, we will be applying **Continuous Classroom Improvement**. Your child will have weekly class goals introduced by the **plan, do, study, act cycle (PDSA)** to reach. We will celebrate as a class if we reach our goals. Please help your child succeed by asking about their weekly goals and progress.

### Reminders to Students

- Breakfast begins at 8:35.
- Doors open at 8:20.
- Students are dismissed to rooms at 8:35. We will begin breakfast and morning routines at this time.
- School is dismissed at 3:35

### Reminders to Parents

Your child will need the following supplies this year:

1. Backpack/Folders
2. 4 Composition Notebooks
3. Pencils/Erasers/Crayons/Colored Pencils/Small Pencil Box/Watercolors/Play Dough/Scissors/ Glue
4. Clorox Wipes/ Hand Sanitizer
5. A Large Box of Tissues
6. 2 Packs of Dry Erase Marker/ Eraser
7. SMILE ☺

## P.R.I.D.E. Assembly

This year the P.R.I.D.E. assemblies will again be held on Friday. It will be referred to as "Friday Sing". Any students who have remained hands off/words off are welcome to attend. We will enter the all purpose room together as a class promptly at 3:00. Any students who have had hands on/words on or did not complete the weekly homework will be excused to the library for a study hall period. Hopefully all children will make great behavior choices this year!

### Upcoming Events

#### First Day of School

August 25, 2010 (Tuesday)

#### First Friday Sing

August 26, 2010 (Friday)

#### First PTA Meeting

Please check your child's Monday folder!

#### Open House

Please check your Monday folders for updates. Calendars are sent home monthly updating parents on the events scheduled. ☺

#### Home Work

Homework will be sent home every Monday. Students are to return homework by Thursday. If a student does not return homework they will complete it during Friday Sing.

**Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade! I can't wait for an exciting year full of new learning and adventure!**

