

Welcome to First Grade!

Like I said before I am very EXCITED to be your child's teacher this school year. We are entering into a year of new adventure. I say "we" because the success of your child will depend upon three factors:

1. The parents
2. The teacher
3. The child

We are a team and we are looking towards the same goal- your child's success!

Parent/Teacher Relationship

I believe a good parent/teacher relationship is necessary for students to succeed in school. Throughout the year, I will communicate to you through monthly newsletters, notes, phone calls, Class Dojo messages, progress reports, report cards, and conferences. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. My contact information is:

henderson_e@hcde.org / 423-493-9296 ext. 282 / Class Dojo message / note with your child.

Things to Know

I will send a print-out home following our Open House night that discusses our classroom expectations. Please make sure you plan to attend that night to gain important information about our classroom and school rules and procedures. I would like to highlight a few important things now:

-Blue Communication Folder: This folder is very important. It is our tool for communication on many different levels. Important school flyers, homework, ways to send in money, communication about your child's behavior, etc. will be sent via this folder. Please look for it and review its documents each day. This will be vital in your child's success in 1st grade!

-Behavior: I will be using the color system and Class Dojo in my classroom. The color system is as follows:

- Orange: 20 points or higher (Excellent Behavior)
- Blue: 11-19 points (Great Behavior)
- Green: 0-10 points (Good Behavior)
- Yellow: negative 1 – negative 5 points (Okay Behavior)
- Red: negative 6 or less points (Poor Behavior)

This is a great tool to communicate your child's daily behavior. I will send home your child's daily behavior color and points in your child's blue folder. Please review this each night and discuss any negative behaviors with your child. Also please sign the behavior log each evening so that I know that you are aware of your child's behavior each day. If you have any questions in regards to your child's behavior I encourage you to send me a note or a message on Class Dojo.

Parent and Teacher Communication: There are many avenues to use to contact me. Phone, email, note, Class Dojo message are some of the common ways. However, please be aware that since I am teaching I can't often answer the phone, emails, or messages instantly. I will reply back as soon as I can.

Phone: 493.9296 ext. 282

Email: henderson_e@hcde.org

Class Dojo: look for your child's activation code and download the app

Transportation: Please be aware that any and all transportation changes must be made in writing. Verbal changes told to your child in the morning will not be accepted and your child will go home the regular way indicated at the beginning of the year. If there is a change in transportation, please mark that on the transportation section on the behavior log. It is also great to be notified if you plan to dismiss your child early for doctor's appointments and such. This gives me an opportunity to finish up any assignments or activities with your child before he/she has to leave. I will accept written notes sent via child or fax or Class Dojo messages. Messages left on the phone will not be accepted.

Money: We plan to go on field trips and participate in several fundraisers throughout the year. Many of these will require money to be sent in. Please send money in an envelope labeled with your child's name, "Henderson", and what it is for. Please place the envelope in the "Notes/Money" pouch in the blue communication folder. Money will NOT be removed from the folder or accepted if it is not turned in this way. This is mandatory. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Classroom Information:

- Jacket and/or sweaters will be allowed in the classroom.
- Students may bring in a water bottle for recess. Please make sure it is labeled with your child's name and contains water only.
- Snack will be allowed at recess only. Please do not send in any candy.

I truly am excited to be your child's teacher this year! I know we will have a year full of learning, adventure, and growth!

Mrs. Henderson