September 3, 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I am so excited to have your child in our first grade class. I am looking forward to a great and successful year.

Please let me tell you a little about myself. I am in my 13th year of teaching. I have taught both 1st and 2nd grades in Wake County. I graduated from East Carolina University and am a National Board Certified Teacher. I have two children, one in ninth grade and one in fourth grade.

The first week of school has been excellent. We have reviewed the SOAR expectations and made a chart of expectations (rules) for our classroom. These expectations will be going home for you to read over with your child and for you to sign and return.

Your child will have homework every night beginning next week. The homework will consist of reading, writing, math and spelling/vocabulary. I will send home a newsletter every week so you will be aware of what is happening in our classroom as well as what the homework is every night. The newsletter will be posted on the website as well. You as the parent will need to sign the newsletter stating that your child has completed their homework for that night. Remember homework is an extension of your child’s learning and it also allows you to know what we are doing in class.

We will have snack at the end of the day, provided that we finish our lessons for the day. Candy and sodas are not permitted for snacks.

If you need to change your child’s transportation, please send in a note or notify the office at least one hour before dismissal. We will not take the word of your child. We are very concerned about their safety and welfare and do want them to return home safely. Thank you for your help with this.

You are more than welcome to come visit your child during lunch. Our lunch time is 11:20 – 11:50am. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering in our classroom or also joining us on field trips. Your will need to register of reapply through Wake County as a volunteer. You may register at the computer at school.

Our specials are from 1:10pm – 1:55pm every day. They are as follows:

Monday – technology Tuesday – art Wednesday – music Thursday – PE - You must wear tennis shoes on this day. - Girls should wear shorts under their dresses and boys will need belts to keep their pants up securely. Friday - media

Our schedule is also posted on our website.

Our classroom tends to get a bit chilly during the day. Your child is more than welcome to bring a sweater or light jacket to wear in the classroom if necessary. You may also send one to leave in the classroom if you would like.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please feel free to browse our class webpage at <http://mshinnantsclass.weebly.com>. You may also contact me at mhinnant@wcpss.net with any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. Have a great week!

Ms. Hinnant

Class Expectations

1. Be nice and polite to everyone.
2. Always use our walking feet.
3. Raise our hands when we want to speak.
4. Keep our hands and feet in our personal space.
5. Have fun and do your best.

I have read over and discussed the expectations with my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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