

Dear Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! We are excited to have your student in our classes! We will have a great year!

Homework: There will be 2 homework folders to keep track of English and Mandarin Chinese homework. Homework will normally be sent home Monday through Thursday for the English class and homework will be sent home on Monday through Friday for the Mandarin Chinese class.

School-wide Reading Program: Record a daily total of minutes on the monthly reading chart that should stay in the homework folder. The parent needs to sign the bottom of the monthly paper each month. This includes the time the student is read to, reads to someone else, or reads to self—any reading counts. Please read a minimum of 20 minutes five nights a week. The Take-Home Reading Program minutes are to be counted as reading minutes also. The Take-home Reading Program will begin in September. Your child will receive a book to read at home and return to school. No books will go home on Fridays. **Color in each circle for every 5 minutes read daily.** If you need more circles just add them to the front or to the back of the paper.

Spelling and High Frequency Words: Spelling tests will start the second week of school. A spelling focus and some High Frequency words will be on a practice sheet that will be sent home on Mondays. Please practice these words nightly, for the test on Friday. To practice spelling words students will need to write a spelling sentence for each word. This will be returned to school no later than Friday. You will see amazing results by Christmas, if these words are practiced and the reading is practiced.

Work hanging in the hallway: We will hang each student's work in the hallway. If you do not want your child's work hanging in the hallway, please let us know. Throughout the year, we may display photographs and videos of students in the hall, room, or teacher's website. **If you do not want your child's photo and video displayed, let us know on the back paper that will be returned to school.**

Dress: All students will be going outside for recess. Please dress them appropriately for the weather—especially in the winter.

Toys: Please keep all manner of toys at home...even toy watches. They are too distracting.

Discipline Policy: We will use a system of positive reinforcement, in which we reward positive behavior. We will use "Party Marbles" to reward the class for good behavior. As a class, students will work together to earn rewards by emptying marbles from one jar into another jar, then we spin in class to see which party we will do for that reward. The class votes on parties and they are put on the front board. We also have a mystery envelope that the teacher gets to decide what the reward will be. Clips are also used for individual behavior and moved up on a chart. The Whole School uses – Spin cards – which is a pink card that has 20 spaces for stickers or stamps to be

placed on them. A sticker is earned for good behavior. We reward each student in school with a quick celebration and once a month the PTA will have a reward to win prizes for each sticker card filled.

Consequences: The student receives a warning for bad behavior. Next the student will turn a stick over in their pocket on the back bulletin board. If the bad behavior continues they will put their stick into a small bucket and the teacher will contact the parent and let them know what happened that day. This will result in a loss of 5 minutes or more of recess. Depending on the severity of the behavior they may have to write an apology note.

Birthdays: The birthdays will be celebrated in the English room. If you want to send a treat on the day of your child's birthday, that will be fine. Children who have a summer birthday will be assigned an –UN-birthday date sometime during the year. Parents will be given a note when birthdays can be celebrated. The treats will be passed out either before lunch or right before dismissal at the end of the day. Remember because of District Policy – **please do not send any homemade treats or food items made with peanuts and other nuts.**

Email addresses for both teachers:

Mrs. Judy M. Anderson jmanderson@tooeleschools.org

The Mandarin Chinese teacher cannot speak English in front of the students. The best way to communicate is through emails or a note. The teacher will send a weekly email, if you did not receive them please send a note to the Mandarin Chinese teacher.

Mr. Wen Huang whuang@tooeleschools.org

School Phone Number: 435-833-1940



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After reading the disclosure paper with your student please sign and return the part below the dotted lines.

Parent's signature _____

Student's signature _____

I give my permission for photographs/videos of my student to be added to the class website.

YES

NO

Parent's signature _____