

MRS. MASON'S 1ST GRADE

"How To" GUIDE:

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Please contact me if your child would like to bring a treat to celebrate his/her birthday. The snacks need to be store-bought and nut free due to school policy and allergies. If your child's birthday is in June, July, or early August we can celebrate it in May. If your child's birthday is during the school year and on a weekend, we can celebrate it on his/her birthday on the Friday before or Monday after the actual date.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS:

About once a month I will send home a Scholastic Book Club order form. Scholastic offers some great books at reasonable prices. First graders are excited when they receive a book and it motivates them to read at home. When you order books, we will also earn points to buy books for our classroom! On-line ordering is encouraged since you can pay on-line and don't have to send a check to school. The orders are also processed more quickly when I do not have checks to mail. Thanks so much for helping our class earn free books! ☺

CLASS DOJO:

Class Dojo is an app we use in the classroom to earn points for our great learning and behavior choices in class. It is also a great way to communicate with me! You can send me a message through the app and I will respond as soon as I am able. I also post pictures of what we are doing in the Class Story and it will only be shared with the members of our class. **Please let me know if you do not want your child included in the pictures I share on the app.**

HOMEWORK:

I will send home a homework packet on Monday of every week. It will be in the "bring right back" pocket in the L.I.O.N. Binder. The cover for the packet will serve as an assignment sheet. This packet should be returned on the last day of the week. It will not be graded for accuracy, but I will check it for completion. I know you have very busy schedules, so you can complete the packet at your own pace. Homework is just a quick way for your child to show what we are working on in class. If the homework packet takes longer, please contact me so we can discuss the situation!

LUNCH MONEY:

The office prefers that you send lunch money on Monday in an envelope with your child's name and "First Grade – Mason" on it. Prices and billing information are at the bottom of the first menu, which is also included in this packet. All menus will be sent electronically and are available on the Tri-C Elementary School website.

NEWSLETTER:

Our classroom newsletter includes upcoming events and information about our classroom. Please spend a few minutes reading the newsletter in order to be informed about important deadlines, events, and field trips.

PBIS INFORMATION:

Our school participates in PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System). We have school wide rules, bi-weekly "Cool Tools", bi-weekly Blue Ribbon awards for students who followed the "Cool Tool", monthly rewards, and quarterly rewards. We also work on social emotional skills in our classroom using the "Second Step" curriculum, where we practice how to positively solve problems.

P.E. SHOES:

Students are required to wear closed toe, rubber soled shoes (preferably gym shoes) for both indoor and outdoor P.E. class. If your child wears tennis shoes every single day to school, they do not have to keep a pair at school. However, if they ever wear sandals, boots, crocs, or dress shoes, they need a separate pair of clean tennis shoes and a pair of socks to keep in their locker to change into for P.E.

SNACK:

We are a PEANUT and TREE NUT FREE CLASSROOM this year. We will have a morning snack every day. I ask that each child brings a nut-free snack for the whole class to share ONCE A MONTH. Our school nurse must check the snack before we can use it in our classroom. Please label the snacks with my name. You can drop it off in the office or I can send it down in the morning for our nurse to check. We *really* appreciate non-sugary snacks such as pretzels, applesauce, graham crackers, grapes, apples, oranges, cheese, etc. I have a refrigerator in the room. Drinks are not needed unless there is a party.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES:

If your child has a change in afterschool transportation arrangements, please contact the office by 12:00 or send a written note with your child that morning. At times, our email or internet may not work and I will not receive emails or Dojo messages on time or there are days I may have a substitute. Thank you!

I can't wait to start our year together!

Mrs. Mason