

# The Bridges Academy

## First Grade Overview

September 2019

**Arrival and Dismissal Time:** Students are to arrive to school by 8:00 am, so that they can be unpacked and ready for assembly every day at 8:15. Dismissal is at 2:49

**Folders:** Place all correspondence to the school or me in your child's "Travel" folder. Please send it in every day (regardless if it is empty or not). Check your child's folder every day for information from the classroom or the school.

**Homework:** Homework assignments are inside your child's homework folder at the beginning of the week in the form of a newsletter. I expect the assignments to be completed at home every evening, Monday through Thursday. Some assignments will be on a worksheet placed in the folder. Please establish a routine that works best for your family. There may be times when you'll need to assist your child with a special assignment or project. Please read the bottom of the homework sheet for additional information. If your child is experiencing any difficulty with their homework please send in a note.

**Readers Response Journal:** Beginning in October your child will be coming home with a "book in a bag" every Wednesday. This is a book that they will read aloud to you, that is on their level of reading. They will need to answer a question in their journal that corresponds to the story. This is due back to school on Thursday.

**Book Reports:** Starting in January the children will begin writing a weekly book report. I will explain in more detail as we get closer to January.

**Journals:** Your child will write in their journals daily in school. This is an opportunity for them to brainstorm and have their own creativity with their writing. This is where we will build on new vocabulary and expand their writing.

**Snack:** Please send in a small healthy snack for your child every day. We have snack every morning at approximately 10:00 am.

**Lunch/Recess:** 11:52- 12:36 The children eat lunch in the cafeteria. They also go outside in the playground, weather permitting.

**Pick-up Notes:** If your child is not going to take the bus home as usual, you must send a note to me with the date on it and place it in your child's travel folder. If you have more than one child in the school, please make sure I receive a copy of the note for your child in my class, so I know they are a pick up. Please let me know in writing if someone different is picking up your child. They will need to show identification at the office before your child can be released to them.

**Absences:** Please call the school by 8:00 am if your child is not coming to school that day. **You will need to send in an absence note, with the date on it, when your child returns to school.** If you have a planned vacation, I will give your child the work that we did in class, after they return to school. They will have the appropriate amount of time to complete it. Sometimes my lessons change as the week evolves.

**Uniforms:** Please follow the guidelines that have been sent home to you the first day of school. Children need to wear full dress uniforms every Friday. Please write your child's name **on all** their clothing, especially their sweaters and blazers. Please practice tying shoes with your children at home. If your child is unable to tie their own shoes/sneakers please send them in with velcro ones.

**Behavior:** First graders are expected to act appropriately in class and during recess. If I need to speak to them several times, there may be consequences. If I need to continually speak to them about a particular situation I will send you a note in their homework folder, or contact you by phone.

I have incorporated a behavior system in my classroom called "fuzzies". A child will get a fuzzy for good behavior. When I see a child doing something well, has helped another student, or has consistent positive behavior, I give them a fuzzy. If they exhibit poor behavior, they owe me a fuzzy. Every other Friday the children have the opportunity to trade their fuzzies for a ticket. Depending on how many the children have they get reward tickets. For example, if they have 10 fuzzies, they can choose between "swapping seats for a day" or "picking their place on line". The children love to receive a fuzzy and I love to have a reason to give them one

**Specials**: Attached is a copy of our specials for the school year. If you have not already done so please send in a pair of sneakers for your child to wear to P.E

**Questions?** : Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding your child. We are off to a spectacular school year!

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Thank You!

Mrs. Boskovski

