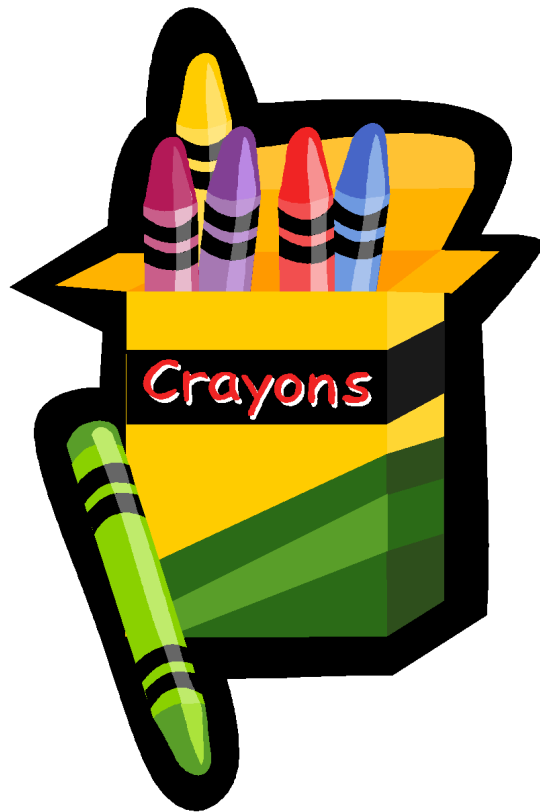


First Grade Information Packet



(Keep this F-0-R-E-V-E-R... or really just until the end of First Grade ☺)

All about Mrs. Glascock's First Grade Room

Teacher Hours: My "office" hours are 8:00-4:00. Communication with parents is important to me, so if you need to reach me, the best way would be to message me using Seesaw. During the day please call (406)751-3700 ext. 3713. Depending on how our day goes, I typically check my Seesaw messages and email 2-3 times a day. Please don't leave me a message with important timely information. Direct all urgent messages, such as a change in afterschool plans, to Karen in the office and she will pass along the information.

Seesaw: I will be using SeeSaw to communicate with families. Please sign up with the QR code in this packet so you can message me, receive information from me, and see the work that your kiddo will be posting as the year progresses.

Home/School Communications: Your child will be bringing home their "take home" folder every Friday. It is important to check this folder every weekend and return it to school on Monday. Occasionally I will send their folder home on another day of the week if I have something important and timely to send home, but I will try to give you a heads up on Seesaw if that is the case. Some items you will keep at home and others you will return to school. Communicated digitally or included in your child's folder you will find:

- *A calendar* – This will be sent out once a month. Here you will find each day's "president", vacation days, early release days, special events, and more.
- *A weekly newsletter* – I will keep you up-to-date on what we are doing in the classroom, our needs, and exciting events.
- *Student Work* – Looking at your child's work gives you a great opportunity to ask them questions and find out more about what they are learning. When it comes to academic work, please praise the part of your child's work that is correct, and practice those things in which your child may need your help. Remember, we are setting the stage for your child's whole school career, so let's make them feel successful from the start!
- *Missed work* – I don't like it when a child feels out of the loop, so I want to make sure the child understands what we covered, so they can excel when they return! If you could encourage your child to finish "make-up" work and return it as soon as possible, it would be much appreciated.

First Grade Website: I have a website that I created at ElrodFirsties.weebly.com. It shows the weekly newsletter, the monthly calendar, and you can even download this info packet. There are student links, and more fun things. It's a great means of communication and I hope you use it!

Schedule and Specials: Our day runs 8:25-3:30 daily. Supervision in the morning starts at 7:45 AM. All students will be expected to remain on the playground, unless eating breakfast. If picking up your child after school, please meet them on the playground. We have lunch at 11:45. We will have Specials classes daily at 12:45. Please make sure to send library books back on library day and that your child has tennis shoes here for PE days.

President for the Day: This special role will most likely start sometime in late September or October. The president of the day holds many responsibilities. He/she gets to do all of the classroom duties: door holder, teacher helper, weather person, etc.

Birthday Celebrations: I love to celebrate your child! If you wish, you may send a special snack on your child's birthday. For safety reasons, no homemade treats please. Towards the end of the school year we will celebrate with the students who have their birthdays during the summer. Also, I try to make the student the President on their birthday or close to it!

Behavior: In our school we have 4 rules: Be safe, be respectful, be responsible, and be kind. Throughout the year, we will continually talk about what these rules look like, feel like, and sound like. The behavior plan is in place to ensure a safe and fun classroom environment where learning can happen!

If a behavior issue arises, the student will receive a verbal warning and redirecting. If the behavior continues, the student will receive a reminder slip. At this time, I will also have a more in-depth conversation with the student about his or her behavior. If the behavior continues beyond this point, there will be appropriate consequences. These consequences could involve a loss of a privilege, such as some recess time, or in-class activity time. I handle these situations in a manner that is meant to minimize any negative attention that may be given to the student as a result of misbehavior. The reminder slip will be sent home with the student and I will post a photo of it on Seesaw, so that you are made aware of any behavior issues that occurred during the day and so that you can have a discussion about the behavior with your child. Please sign the slip so I know you received it and return it to school the next day.

When a student is being respectful, safe, and responsible they earn ClassDojo points! After so many points they can choose a reward from the treasure box. We also have many school wide ways to support kids making good choices. My hope is that your child will develop a genuine motivation to make our class a great place to be!

Breakfast and Lunch: Elrod qualifies for free breakfast and lunch for all students. If your child would like a milk only, that is 60 cents. More information can be found on the school district website. Of course you are welcome to send cold lunch with your child any day. I will be sending home monthly lunch/breakfast menus.

Snacks: Please send 2 healthy snacks with your child daily. I have found that the kiddos are hungry in the morning and again in the afternoon before it is time to go home. Some ideas for snacks are cut up fruits and veggies, crackers, or string cheese. If your child forgets a snack I will have some graham crackers for backup. If you need assistance with providing daily snacks please let me know.

Water: I ask that all students bring a clean, filled water bottle to school so they can stay hydrated and get "big drinks". This will go home every weekend to be washed (or you can ask your child to bring it home more often).

Clothing: Every day we will be going outside to play. Please have your child dress appropriately. When winter arrives, please choose coats, mittens, and boots that your child can put on with the

least amount of adult assistance. For safety reasons, your child is not allowed to stay inside at recess time. Please send your child with ample clothing and label EVERYTHING with your child's name.

Also, please send your child in shoes that he can put on independently. Tying shoelaces is a very important skill, but imagine a whole class full of children all needing their shoes tied! Practice at home and, when your child is able, we will celebrate his newfound tying success!

Book Orders: I will be sending home scholastic book orders. If you would like to order any books, please go online to clubs.scholastic.com. Our class code is **M9RWX**. You also have the option to complete the form on the back of the book order and return it with payment (checks please) before the date designated on the order. Your child gets to own books that they love, and for a reasonable price! Plus, as the saying goes, "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents".

Safety: As a safety measure for your kiddos, no one (parents included) is permitted to enter the school from the playground doors. If you need to enter the school, please go through the front door and check in at the office. For more information on the safety precautions we are taking, please visit the district website at www.sd5.k12.mt.us

Report Cards and Conferences: We operate on a trimester system for grading. We will have parent conferences in the fall, and send out report cards at the trimester marks.

It's going to be a wonderful year together! I look forward to getting to know you and your child. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me right away. We are a team and I'd love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

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