

# WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!

Please take a minute to  
write your thoughts in  
response to the  
question at your seat!



# ALL ABOUT ME!

- Grew up in Livonia, MI with a teacher for a mother
- Attended Western Michigan University
  - Received my B.S. in Education, specializing in Math and Language Arts.
  - Received my Masters in Reading Instruction with my Reading Specialist certification.
- Excited to be starting my second year at Bemis!  
Spent 3 years prior at Scotch Elementary in West Bloomfield.
- Am married to Joe and we have a dog named Calvin. This summer we took a fabulous trip to Italy!



A NEW YEAR! A NEW GRADE!

First Grade has many changes  
socially and academically!

rest time, play time, responsibilities, recess, specials...

# A DAY IN THE LIFE.

- Morning Meeting
- Calendar
- Reader's Workshop
- Word Study
- Snack / Recess
- Writer's Workshop
- Lunch
- Math
- Science / Social Studies
- \*Specials



# CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

- Sharing Circles / Class Meetings
- Bucket Fillers
- Classroom Promise
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade buddies



# READERS WORKSHOP

## Goal

Students will become accurate, fluent, comprehensive, life-long readers with a growing vocabulary.

## Focus on

- CAFÉ and DAILY 5
- Retelling
- Talking About Books
- Comprehension Strategies
- Character Study

Differentiation through student choice, conferring, guided reading, and literature circles.



# WORD STUDY

- Word Study Assessments
  - Focus on sight words at home.
  - Focus on sight words and pattern words at school.
    - Letters and sounds, components of words, roots, prefixes, suffixes, patterns, word families.
- Emphasis on learning words for “forever” not just for the “Friday test”!



# WRITERS WORKSHOP

## Goal

Students will develop both conventions and the craft of writing.

## Five main units of study

- \*Small Moments
- \*Revision and editing
- \*Informational
  - \*How-to
  - \*Personal Expertise
  - \*Investigation Reports
- \*Opinion - Persuasive Letters





# VISIBLE THINKING

- Activates student thinking to elicit deeper understanding.
  - What makes you say that?
- 8 Cultural Forces
  - Expectations, Opportunities, Routines and Structures, Language and Conversations, Modeling, Interaction and relationships, Physical Environment.
- Visible Thinking Routines



# SPECIALS BLOCK SCHEDULE

1A: GYM

1B: MEDIA

1C: ART

1D: MUSIC

2A: GYM

2B: SPANISH

2C: ART

2D: MUSIC



# SCIENCE

Discovery through experimentation

Three units of study:

- New Plants
- Solids and Liquids
- Pebbles, Sand, and Silt



# SOCIAL STUDIES

## Three main units of study:

- Getting Along
- Rules
- Maps
- Long Ago
- Traditions
- Families
- Needs and Wants
- Neighbors



# MATH EXPRESSIONS FIRST GRADE UNITS

- Partners and Number Patterns Through 10
- Addition and Subtraction Strategies
- Unknown Numbers in Addition and Subtraction
- Place Value Concepts
- Place Value Situations
- Comparisons and Data
- Geometry, Measurement, and Equal Shares
- Two-Digit Addition

# CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

## Positive Reinforcement

- Marble Jar
- Table Points
- Bucket Fillers
- Move clip to PINK, earn Spectacular Star Status!

## Consequences

- Verbal warning
- Clip moved to yellow, 5 mins. off recess.
- Clip moved to orange, lose recess.
- Clip moved to red, lose recess and call home.



# HOMEWORK

SEE HOMEWORK SAMPLE  
IN YOUR FOLDER.



# IT'S IMPORTANT YOU KNOW:

- The RED FOLDER must go home and come back to school every day!
- Please check the red folder EVERY DAY!
- Your child may bring a snack, but it must be HEALTHY and NUT FREE.
- Your child may have a water bottle to keep at their seat. It must be sippy-top to avoid spills.
- No Birthday Treats due to the new Troy School District Policy. Birthdays will be celebrated in other ways in our classrooms!





# HOW CAN YOU HELP??

- Our classroom needs Parent volunteers
  - Classroom helpers
  - Field Trips
  - PTO events / Room Parent



# PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATIONS

- First Grade Web Page:
  - [www.bemis1thinkers.weebly.com](http://www.bemis1thinkers.weebly.com)
- Email - THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO REACH ME!
  - [cleone@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:cleone@troy.k12.mi.us)
- Notes



# REMEMBER

- Bagels can be purchased each Friday for \$1.00. The bagels will be smaller this year.
- Spirit Wear purchases due 9/12.



I LOOK FORWARD TO JOINING  
YOU AND YOUR CHILD ON A  
LEARNING JOURNEY TOGETHER.  
THIS YEAR!

Further classroom and curriculum  
information can be found in the  
First Grade Handbook.

Should you need to speak with me  
regarding your child, I would be  
more than happy to set a meeting  
time in the coming week!

