



Parent Handbook



First Grade

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Immanuel Lutheran School
Belvidere, IL

2012-2013 Academic Year

Welcome!

Dear Parents,

What a blessing it is to be in partnership with you this academic year as we work together to ensure your child's first grade education is as smooth and joyful as possible.

My name is Dylan Teut and I am the new first grade teacher here at Immanuel. I am originally from Schleswig, IA and I just completed my undergraduate coursework at Concordia University in Seward, NE. I have a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an Early Childhood endorsement and Church Music concentration.

Please carefully review the information contained in this handbook, and contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to working together with you this year!

Again, at any time this year, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

In the grip of His grace,

Mr. Dylan Teut

Reading At Home

While in first grade we will have very little (if any) homework, there is one vital task I would ask of each child every night- and that is to spend time **reading!**



Research has shown that spending at least 20 minutes (preferably 30) each night together reading with your child benefits their longitudinal reading development tremendously.

Please spend each night with your child- either reading to him/her, reading with him/her, or listening to him/her. A combination of each is okay too! At school, we learn 3 ways we can read a book. If it's one that is just right, the child can read the words to you (these books will come home in book bags once every few days). If it's too difficult, the child can retell the book from hearing it before (by using picture clues or prompt by parents), or the child can look at the pictures and make up a story, beginning to end.

To help keep track of progress, I will send home "Reading Calendars" at the beginning of the month and ask that they be returned at the end of the month. All I ask is that you record how many minutes each day you spent reading. There are no penalties or rewards. I simply want everyone to be conscious of how much time is being spent at home reading.

Please see the following "help sheets" for ideas to help your child as he/she reads to you.

find us on facebook



One manner which I would like to use to stay connected is through the social media site facebook. While the students will NOT be using facebook, I would like to use facebook to post pictures and important notices. I believe photos are very effective ways to document learning and aide in assessment.

To find our class page, type "First Grade- Immanuel Lutheran School, Belvidere" into the search engine. "like" the page, and you'll be able to view our pictures and notices!

While facebook will not serve as our primary communication tool, I do see the value in using it so that parents can view pictures easily and receive reminder updates on your newsfeed very easily.

In order for me to post a picture which features your child, I need your permission. Please note that names will NEVER be posted with the pictures. If you do not wish to sign the form, pictures including your child will not be posted.

YES! I. _____ grant Mr. Teut permission to post pictures which may include my child on the first grade facebook page. I understand that names will never be posted.

signed _____

Date _____

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Policies and Procedures

Parent Communication

Communication between students, parents, and teachers is key to a successful school year. A class newsletter will be sent home each Friday. Please review it with your child and reflect on the week's events. News, photos, and other information will be posted on our class website (www.immanuelknights.org - click on "teachers" and then click on "First Grade.").



If you should at any time have a question or a concern, please contact me. You may call me at school and leave a message if I am with the children. I will get back to you as quickly as possible after the school day has ended. You may also set up an appointment to meet with me after school at any time.

My e-mail is Dylan.teut@gmail.com

You may call me on my cell if needed at 712-269-1362.

Physical Education



Physical education classes are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays. Your child will need gym shoes (to be kept in the classroom throughout the year) and should be dressed appropriately on these days for physical education activities.

Discipline

Over the first few days of school, the children will work with me together to establish the rules, routines, and responsibilities of the classroom. At the same time, we will grow as a classroom community, with each person in the class having an important place, and responsibility for behavior in the classroom community.



A student who cannot follow the rules and be a responsible citizen of the classroom will lose privileges to use certain classroom materials, or lose free time off of recess. If a problem is ongoing, the parents will be contacted, at which point the parent, child, and teacher will set up a behavior contract to help the child learn better classroom behavior.

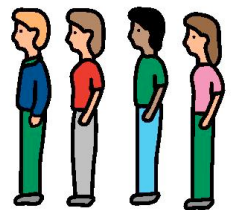
During the first few weeks of school, we will discuss in great depth the importance of getting along and caring and cooperating. It is my prayer that we will all understand the importance of showing Christ's love and compassion in all we do and in all the ways we interact together as students, teacher, and parents.

Procedures

Upon entering the classroom in the morning, students will make their lunch choice by moving their stick to the cold lunch or hot lunch cup. It is then the responsibility of the child to move to his or her desk and quietly begin work on journals for the day.

Papers will be sent home with students in their "mailboxes." One of the folders requested on the school supply list at the beginning of the year will be used as a "take home folder" each night. Please check that folder **every** night for graded papers or notes. There will usually be math papers in the folder to be completed.

It is important that we walk quietly in the hallways. We will always line up and get ready to walk the hall by putting our hands by our sides, standing up tall, eyes are looking forward and our mouths are quiet. We want to show respect for others that are working and learning in our building.





Class Schedule

A copy of our class schedule is provided in this folder. Please try to schedule dentist or doctor appointments outside of school hours. Much of what your child learns at school is through in-class work and discussions. This is valuable time that cannot be easily made up.

Birthdays

We celebrate birthdays in our classroom and baptismal birthdays in chapel together as a community. When it is your child's birthday, he/she may bring a treat for the class. However, this is optional. A brief time will be set aside for birthday celebrations.

A birthday bag will be sent home with your child. The bag contains some birthday books, a small gift from me, and a birthday journal. Your child will record in the journal about his or her birthday and will get the chance to share this birthday page with the class. The small gift may be kept by the child, however, **the books, journal, and bag will need to be returned to the classroom within the following 2 days.**

If your child has a summer birthday, you may chose to have your child celebrate during the school year on a date of your choice. This might be a day such as the child's "half-birthday." Please advise me in advance of your intentions.



Scholastic Book Orders

A packet of book orders will be sent home with your child every month, along with a due date. You have the option to purchase books for your child at a very reasonable price. Every time you order, our class earns "bonus points" which helps us get more books and materials for our

Reading Book Bags

As a part of our guided reading curriculum, after reading a book together as a group for several days, I will send it home with your child in a plastic fastened bag with your child's name on it. Please listen to your child read the book to you, and encourage the child to read the book to everyone and every"thing" in the house. These are the books that your child can read. Prompt your child as need be. These books should be returned the following school day.



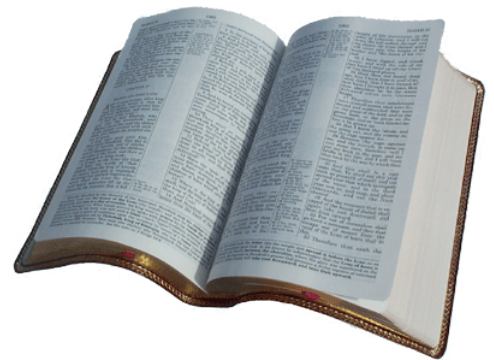
Spelling

I will be working hard with the children to help them learn spelling skills rather than spelling words. We will not have weekly class spelling lists; rather, students will have lists that are individualized to meet their specific spelling needs. These words are picked based on working with students in small reading groups and by reviewing their writing. Each child will have a different list. This process will begin later in the year. I will work with the children on these lists, and ask that you do the same at home.



Memory Work

Immanuel's curriculum includes memory verses all students should know by the end of first grade. We will work together as a class to review the verses through actions, songs, pictures, etc., and I also ask for your help at home. I will always include next week's memory work in the parent newsletter.



A Million Words or Less....

In order for me to help get to know your child better, I have a small parent "homework" assignment.



Please tell me about your child in a million words or less. Anything you think is important for me to understand or know should be included. Perhaps there are special circumstances, personality quirks, stories, quips, or qualities that you would feel comfortable sharing with me. Please do so in a million words or less!

My child.....

Getting to Know You

Please return this form on the first day of school.

Student's Name _____ Age _____

My favorite thing in school is _____

This year, I would like to learn _____

Something new I would like to do this year is _____

My family can help me most this year by _____

My teacher can help me most this year by _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

Parent's/Guardian's Occupations _____

(Would you be willing to come in and share about your occupation/ work field with the children? YES NO)

E-mail address _____

My child's strengths are _____

My child needs help with _____

This year, I would like my child to _____

We would like the teacher to know that _____

Child's Birthday _____ Child's Baptism Date _____

Mr. Teut

First Grade School Supply List

- 12 Pencils- No. 2 lead, sharpened (plain yellow, wooden)
- 1 large eraser
- 1 pair of pointed metal scissors
- Prang 8 color Oval Pan Watercolor set
- 1 box of 24 **Crayola** crayons
- 1 box of 12 **Crayola** colored pencils
- 1 4 oz. bottle of Elmer's glue
- 2 large white glue sticks
- 1 box large size Washable **Crayola** Markers (10 ct.)
- headphones with volume control
- recorder
- pencil box
- backpack
- 1 1" 3-ring binder
- 4 wide ruled spiral notebooks
- 4 **plastic** 2-pocket folders
- 1 package of Post-It notes (any size)
- 1 package of Dry-Erase markers
- 1 container of Lysol Antibacterial Wipes
- 1 jug of Hand Sanitizer
- old paint shirt
- gym shoes that will be kept at school
- 1 large box Kleenex