

Welcome to First Grade at Saint Rose of Lima School!

I am thrilled to have your child in my class this year! My name is Kirstin Petersen and I have the pleasure of being your child's first grade teacher. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Classroom Goals/ Homework / Expectations

Do your best. Be kind. Have fun!

In First grade, we will work on enhancing our listening skills, becoming more independent and responsible workers.

Our academic goals for students in first grade are to build a solid foundation in early reading skills, number sense, religion, social studies and science.

Please have your child read for at least 15 minutes at home each day. They can read to you, to a stuffed animal or have you read to them while they follow along. Students will also have weekly homework expectations in Reading, Math, and Spelling. I will ask that you help to monitor your child's work at home. They will receive their homework on Monday and are expected to return it the Friday of that same week. Life happens, so feel free to do it at your family's pace throughout the week.

Each night your child will have a take home folder. Please go through that folder with them. There will be a keep at home side and bring back to school side.

Rules and Guidelines

1. Be kind.
2. Listen carefully and follow directions.
3. Keep your hand, feet and objects to yourself.
4. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

Each day we track our behavior in class. Your child begins the day on GREEN "Ready to Learn". Their choices throughout the day will allow them to move up or down our behavioral scale. They may have an amazing day and jump up to PINK "Super Student". They may be having a hard day and move down to ORANGE "Teacher's Choice" or RED "Parent Contact". If your child does end their day on red they will miss a privilege such as, free choice or recess.

If at any time you would like to discuss your child's behavior please contact me at school. My door is always open after school until 2:45 or my email address is kpetersen@mysaintrose.net.

Classroom Communications

Weekly updates: At the end of each week your child will receive a weekly update in their folder. This will include what we have been working on that week in class. This update will also highlight any important dates that are coming up in the next month.

Redhawk Report: Every Friday each family will be sent, by e-mail, a copy of the Redhawk Report. This is a newsletter sent out by Saint Rose School. It is filled with information and important dates. Please read this thoroughly and mark important dates in your calendar. If you wish you may ask to have a hard copy sent home from the office.

Snack

We will have a 10 minute snack break every day. The snacks will be provided by you for your own child each day. Sending a snack with your child is optional, however I find that they need a little something mid-morning. **Please note we do not provide a community-style snack as experienced in Kindergarten.**

If a utensil is required, please send one along with your child. The snack should be nutritious. Please do not send cookies, chips, or candy.

The following are a list of acceptable and healthy snack ideas:

Fruit, Vegetables, Applesauce, Yogurt Tubes, Pretzels, Granola Bars, Cheese sticks

Celebrations

If your child has a birthday during the school year we will have a celebration on that day during snack time. If you choose to send a birthday snack, please remember that state law prohibits homemade treats in the classroom. You may send a store bought snack with your child. Also please send a treat that does not involve special cutting (no cakes, cupcake cakes, ect.)

If your child's birthday falls on a weekend or over a school break we will celebrate on either the Friday before or the Monday after. If your child has a summer birthday we will celebrate on their half birthday (six months from their actual birthday).

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