

For Your Information

Your child's adjustment/transition to First Grade will require much patience, encouragement, and a sense of humor! Many changes are taking place for your young, eager student. There are new faces, places, and expectations at the beginning of the school year. We have a motto in First Grade: "Things Take Time - TTT" Please have patience with us as we begin our academic career.

I am pleased to provide you with copies of *Growing Up*, a newsletter which will help us understand the growing child. These weekly issues have been a great comfort to generations of First Grade families, and to this grateful teacher!

Our school community implemented the program *Discipline With Purpose*. The 15 skills taught and practiced through this management system helps to foster intrinsic motivation as children learn to develop positive decision making skills as well as social and work habits.

At times students may need quiet time to think about their actions or deal with their feelings. Students are welcome to use the special "quiet corner" when they feel the urge to redirect their energies. "Private time" is available with me should a student need to address personal matters. I will, of course, communicate any concerns with you if matters are not resolved in our time at school. Thanks for your support.

Reports of your child's progress can be found in *Progress Reports*, issued at the midpoint of the grading period as needed, and through *Report Cards*, which are issued at the end of each quarter. Areas of growth and those needing improvement will be indicated. While these more formal methods of reporting progress are helpful, the best indication of your child's success lies in his/her enthusiasm for learning and a willingness to try new things. These are but a small piece of the big puzzle!

Expectations during the first quarter will primarily be focused on how well your child is developing work habits and foundations in building responsibility. Our school rules were identified to help the young students learn to treat other with kindness and respect. They will learn to contribute to a positive learning environment and demonstrate their abilities to follow class and school procedures.



"... and greet each day with zest.
Love each moment that you live and
give the world your best!"

William Arthur Ward