

First Grade Classroom Information

ABSENTEE PROCEDURE

If your child will be absent please call the absentee line (616) 741-0051 or send an email to school. Use attendance@zcs.org and copy us as well please- mizenbaard@zcs.org and mrodriguez@zcs.org

Include: student name, teacher, and reason for absence.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate each child's birthday as close to the day as possible. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on the half birthday. The children usually bring a small treat to pass out on that day. We ask that these treats be non-edible.

If you plan to have a party for your child and would like to invite ALL the children we will gladly help you pass out invitations at school. If you are only inviting a small group, please contact parents directly to avoid hurt feelings. We have 19 students in our class.

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE

As a school we are working on Burning Bright by choosing respect, responsibility, and safety. We are constantly on the look-out for these positive choices and praising them as much as possible. We find that by focusing on the positive and praising that, the less positive behaviors occur less often. That being said, we have procedures that we practice and there are logical consequences for not following the procedures. (Based on Love and Logic) Consequences will be worked out depending on the issue and the child. Most situations are resolved in school but if there are issues that are not being resolved, parents will be informed and we will work out a plan together.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Feel free to email us mizenbaard@zcs.org and mrodriguez@zcs.org with any questions, comments or concerns. **Please copy us both in emails** to help us communicate with each other well.

EXTRA PRACTICE AT HOME

Reading:

We encourage you to set aside 10-15 minutes each evening for your child to read independently in order for them to gain fluency, accuracy and confidence. RazKids is a great resource to which you have access from home as well. Check the blog soon for directions on how to log on.

In a few weeks (we will let you know the exact date soon) we will also be sending books home for your child to read. These will be easy reads and they are great for building confidence and practicing fluency. It is extremely important that the books come back to school as we need them for other students to read.

There is a \$10.00 fee that needs to be paid for books that are lost.

FIELD TRIPS

We are having the Outdoor Discovery Center visit us next month. We will also hopefully be attending the Lollipops Concert in the winter, usually in January. We will confirm after reservations open. In December we collect hats and mittens, donate them to Harvest Stand Ministries, and learn about the ways they serve our community. In May we will spend the morning at John Ball Zoo and eat a picnic lunch at the park together.

LUNCH

Lunch begins at 12:20. Students may bring lunch from home or get lunch from school. Menus can be found online in the Blue Note.

<https://www.zcs.org/blue-note/>

All children have a lunch card. Payments for lunch can be done online or through the school office. Children have to make a lunch choice by 8:50 each day (Options A, B, only milk or lunch from home.)

NEWSLETTERS

We will post a weekly newsletter in our classroom blog every week which includes information about what we are learning as well as any important events and/or announcements.

TRANSPORTATION

If your child will be using a different mode of transportation than usual to go home, please send us a note or email informing us of the change. If the change happens after 2:00, please call the office and ask them to call the classroom. We can't guarantee we'll be able to read an email after 2:00.

WONDERFULLY MADE

Each child will be assigned a special day to celebrate that they are Wonderfully Made and God's very special creation. You are welcome to come in to see your child present and celebrate with us!