Dear families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! This is truly an exciting time for your child. The first day of school will mark one of the most important milestones in your child’s life. The skills we practice daily in first grade are the building blocks for your child’s future success in the school and endeavor. The activities planned will help to develop academic, social-emotional, and creative skills of each student.

I believe parent involvement is an essential factor in a child’s learning progress. Your presence becomes a major influence as you celebrate each step of your child’s love of learning, self-confidence, and academic skills. This will form a foundation for continued success. I also believe communication is very important. You are invited to contact me to inquire about your child's academic progress.

In addition, understanding the expectations and standards for classroom and school-wide behavior policies is very important. I have always found that parents who are supportive of good classroom behavior help to foster responsibility in their child’s academic growth. This awareness allows the child to obtain a good environment for maximum learning. Please be mindful of the expectations given by the district, our principal, and myself.

I have attached my discipline plans for the 2024-2025 school year. This year, you will also receive a district handbook that needs to be signed and returned. Please review and discuss those expectations together with your child.

All parents are encouraged to attend the Meet the Teacher Night. We will discuss in depth the curriculum, standards, rituals and routines, and expectations for this school year.

Again, I consider it a great privilege and responsibility to be your child's teacher this year, and I look forward to a wonderful school year! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Goshay

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**Mrs. Goshay’s Discipline Plan**

\*District and School Wide Plans are also implemented in class

**Classroom Rules**

Keep hands, feet, and all objects to yourself.

Raise your hand and wait before speaking.

Raise your hand and wait before leaving your seat.

Be respectful, responsible, and safe at all times

Follow directions the first time given.

Always do your Best!

**Behavior Expectations**

Behaviors are managed by a color behavior chart. Those students that consistently follow directions will receive cardinal bucks or stickers for being respectful, responsible, and safe.

**GREEN**-If a student stays on green, the student will receive a sticker on their behavior sticker chart. If they stay on green all week, they will receive up to 5 cardinal bucks.

However, if the student does not follow expectations of being respectful, responsible or safe the following consequences are implemented.

Warning-Students will receive ONE warning before changing card colors and given a chance to change their behavior.

**YELLOW**-Color Change from green to yellow-Loss of 5 minutes of free time/Reflection with teacher.

**ORANGE**-Color Change from yellow to orange- Loss of 10 minutes free time & Parent Note to be signed and returned/Reflection with Teacher

**RED**-Color Change from orange to red- Loss of all free time-Parent Phone Call/Reflection with Teacher

If behavior does not improve-Parent Phone Call & Sent to office.

(Mandatory Parent Conference)

\*Note: Students will receive an opportunity to change their colors back to green based upon changed behavior! However, a parent note or phone call will still be sent/made.

**Rewards may include:**

Extra game time

Extra iPad Time

No homework Pass

Prizes from the treasure chest

Cardinal Bucks

Extra Recess

Party (may vary from popcorn to pizza party)

Movie Day

Break time

Appreciation Times

Show and Tell

Certificates

Good Behavior Note Home

Surprise Gift from teacher

Lunch with the teacher