

# WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE

Dear Parents and Students,

I am looking forward to this new school year. There are lots of new things to be learned and new friends to be made.

My goal for this year is to help your child to be an independent and responsible learner, as well as, to show him or her how to make responsible choices. To accomplish this goal, there will be regular homework and we will be making the most of our class time. My expectations for the students this year will be high. They will need to work hard and do their best.

Please, read over the next few pages with your child. These pages will outline the classroom policies, discipline, and answer some questions you may have about the school year. Be sure you talk about what is in the packet with your child.

I look forward to meeting everyone at Back to School night on September 15<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

First Grade Team

## What do you need to bring to school?

All students should have a backpack. Our first grade supply list can be found on the first grade DCS website ([www.firstdcs.weebly.com](http://www.firstdcs.weebly.com)).

This makes transporting school supplies and homework easier. The students "communication folder" should be brought to and from school every day. This folder is extremely important! **Please leave all personal belongings (ex: toys, videos, card etc.) at home unless otherwise indicated.** Students should be dressed each day in their complete Discovery Charter School Uniform. Due to Covid, students should bring a reusable water bottle to school each day. On gym day, students should be dressed in their Discovery Charter School gym uniform.

## Homework

Homework is mandatory and helps to reinforce the skills learned that day in school. If your child is unable to complete the homework, please reach out so we can work with you.

Fundations lists and assignments will be listed on the weekly homework sheet. This sheet can be found in your child's communication folder, and should be **signed and returned daily**. **HOMEWORK WILL COUNT AS 10% OF HIS/HER GRADE!** If your child is having a very difficult time with the homework assignment please be sure to jot me a note on the homework page so that I know review of this skill may be necessary for him/her.

## Rules

The teachers worked together to create a list of rules that they believe will help to make our students successful. The following are the rules for our classroom.

1. Follow directions quickly and quietly!
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak!
3. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat!
4. Make smart choices!
5. Keep your dear teachers happy!

## Color Chart

Color	Reward/Consequence
Pink	Pink is reserved for outstanding behavior. A student who reaches pink will be given 5 tickets/points to earn a positive behavior coupon to use in the classroom!
Purple	Students can move to purple for continuing to display good behavior. A student who reaches purple will be given 3 tickets/points to earn a positive behavior coupon to use in the classroom!
Blue	Students can move to blue for showing that they are making the right behavior decisions! A student who reaches blue will be given 1 ticket/point to earn a positive behavior coupon to use in the classroom!
Green	Every student will start the day on green. As the day goes on, clips can be moved up and down, based on behavior. Green is a good level to be on.
Yellow	A student will be moved to yellow after a verbal warning. If a student is on yellow, he/she will lose 2 minutes of recess.
Orange	A student will be moved to orange if he/she continues to display poor behavior. If a student is on orange, he/she will lose 5-10 minutes of recess.
Red	A student will be moved to red as the final straw in a student's behavior. The student's parents will be notified by the teacher as well as losing all of their recess.

## **Changes in getting home**

If there is a change in where your child goes after school or how he/she gets home, please call the office or send a note/email by 2:00 pm. We are not allowed to go by what the child says. Without that, I am not allowed to do what is out of the ordinary. **This is a non-negotiable.**

## **Communication**

The most efficient form of communication for the first grade team is email, and we will frequently send updates and reminders to you in this manner. If you have a question or concern please feel free to email us or call DCS 215-879-8182 (:

- Ms. MacNeal- amacneal@dcsschool.com
- Ms. Cohen- hcohen@dcsschool.com
- Ms. Conaboy- mconaboy@dcsschool.com

## **Discovery Charter School** **First Grade Supply List**

- 1 24 ct. box of crayons\* (label)
- 1 packs of pencils
- 3 composition notebooks (label)
- 4 folders-2 pocket (label)
- 1 pencil bag/case
- 1 pack of erasers
- 1 glue sticks\*
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 pack of construction paper
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 1 scissors

\*Note: Crayons and glue sticks are frequently used throughout the year. It would be greatly appreciated if more of these items were sent in again several months from the beginning of the school year.

Thanks in advance,  
First Grade Team : )