

St. Pius X School
2019-2020



Welcome to First Grade!! The following is some useful information to help make this year a fun and successful one!

Specials:

- Monday: Spanish, Music
- Tuesday: Mass, Library/Computer
- Wednesday: PE (wear sneakers)
- Thursday: Spanish
- Friday: Music, Art



Daily Folders: The daily folder will go home with your child every night and should be returned with your child on the next school day. Please take time to look at your child's folder each day and remove the items that are for you to keep and return those that are to come back to school.



Planners: Planners will go home with your child every night and should be returned with your child the next school day. The planner will be used as a form of communication so please take time and look at it each day. Feel free to write notes, questions, and/or concerns in the planner. I would also ask that you initial in the box marked as such. Should you need to be in touch, you can email me at mbranson@spxschool.com or call the school and they will transfer your call to me. If I am not available, please feel free to leave a message and I will return your call.



Homework: All homework sent home should be completed and put in the daily folder to be returned the next school day. It is important that all homework be completed and returned when it is due.



Classroom Rules:

- Rule 1: Listen when someone is talking.
- Rule 2: Follow directions quickly and quietly.
- Rule 3: Raise your hand to speak.
- Rule 4: Respect others, yourself, and your school.
- Rule 5: Be safe and honest.
- Rule 6: Make your teachers happy!



Flashlight Friday: Each Friday afternoon, the students will have the opportunity to read independently. They will bring a book or two from home, a flashlight, and a stuffed toy (if they choose) and go to a comfortable area. The room will be darkened and the students will read by flashlight.



Behavior Chart: Students begin each day on green "Ready to Learn". If students maintain good behavior by following class rules, they can move up to blue "Hot Dog!" and exceptional behavior will move them to "Best in Show". Students that do not follow classroom rules will move to yellow "Dropping the Ball". If a student moves to yellow, he or she has the opportunity to improve behavior and move back to green. If a student continues to break rules and shows continuous inappropriate behavior, he or she will move to red and will not be able to move back up to green on that day. A note will also be written home explaining why your child moved to red that day.



Treasure Box: Students will have the opportunity to receive dollars for good behavior throughout each day. Good behavior includes following classroom rules, not talking during learning times, helping one another, completing class jobs, etc. Students can lose dollars for inappropriate behavior, not following classroom rules, being unkind to other students, etc. Students begin each week with 5 dollars and those that have received at least 15 dollars by Friday will be allowed to go to the treasure box.



Snacks: Each day we will have a snack break. Please pack an extra snack in your child's lunchbox each day and remember to send a water bottle. (If your child stays in afterschool care, please send in two extra snacks.)



Birthdays: Please feel free to send in a peanut free treat to help celebrate your child's birthday. Let me know by email or note which day you will send it in. We usually celebrate in the afternoon around 2:15.



Car Sign: Thank you for placing your last name/number sign in your car during pick-up. It is very helpful to the teachers as they load your child/children into their cars.