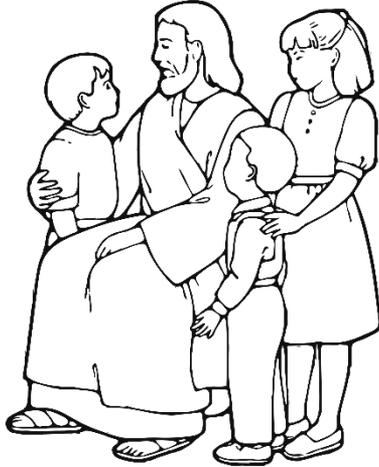


# First Grade Handbook



My classroom hours: 8:00am-3:30pm  
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Knowing Jesus, Growing in Faith, Serving God's Children

## Welcome to our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom!

My name is Mrs. Frerking and I am so excited to have the privilege of teaching your child in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at Zion this year! With the Lord's blessings, we will have a great year of learning new and exciting things!

Please take some time to review this booklet with your child. You will find information about our classroom policies. It is my hope that as you read this booklet that it answers some of the questions you might have. I firmly believe that, you, as parents are the first and most important teachers God has given your child. I hope we can be partners this year in your child's learning.

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please let me know. I can be reached during the day at school (342-5749) or email me at [krystal.frerking@zionrc.org](mailto:krystal.frerking@zionrc.org). I will do my best to get back with you as soon as possible. God bless you and your family this year!

Teaching in Christ,  
Mrs. Frerking



## Behavior Expectations

Zion Lutheran Church, School and Preschool  
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In order to guarantee your child, and all the students in my classroom, the excellent learning environment they deserve, I am utilizing the following behavior management plan.

My Philosophy:

I believe that all my students can behave appropriately in my classroom. These are my expectations:

1. Be responsible.
2. Choose to learn.
3. Do your personal best.
4. Respect yourself and others.
5. Allow the teacher to teach.
6. Observe all rules and procedures.

### How I run my Love and Logic Classroom

I will treat all students with respect, so they will know how to treat me. They may feel free to do anything that doesn't cause a problem for anyone else. If they cause a problem, I will ask that they solve it. If they can't solve the problem, or choose not to, I will do something. What I do depends on the special person and the special situation. If they feel something is unfair, they will whisper to me, "I'm not sure that's fair", and the student and I will talk.

*(Taken from "Teaching with Love and Logic" (Jim Faye/David Funk))*

It is in your child's best interest that we work together in relation to his/her schooling. I will be in contact with you regarding your child's progress in the classroom through trimester report cards and contact periodically through email, calls and in person.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call, write or email me. Thank you for your support!

Teaching in Christ, Mrs. Frerking

## What do I need to know about 1st grade?

**Snacks:** We will not be having snack during the school day. Our lunch is at 11:45. We will be having special treats throughout the year, such as birthdays and other special days.

**Birthdays:** Students are welcome to bring birthday treats to celebrate their birthdays. We have 20 students. Please let me know a day or two in advance when you are sending the treats to school so I can plan accordingly. **Per the allergy policy of Zion Lutheran, no treats with peanuts or tree nuts**, due to food allergies in either our classroom or the school. Thank you for your help in this matter. Summer Birthday? Let me know when you would like to celebrate your child's summer birthday!

**Birthday Invitations:** I ask that birthday invitations not be passed out during the school day, unless they are being passed out to the entire class.

**Lunch Menu:** Please be sure to read the allergy policy in the school handbook that you will also receive.

**\*\*To make Zion safe for everyone we will no longer serve any foods containing peanut or tree nuts, during lunch or treat times. Children may still bring nuts or peanut butter, in their own lunches but, we will make sure they are not seated by someone with nut allergies.\*\***

The lunch menu for the month will be sent home in the Monday folder. Our lunch service requires a count early; be sure and fill it out and keep the side with the large calendar and send back the small calendar. It is recommended to pay ahead of use, buying several at a time. Please mark what it is for, as you buy milk and lunches separately. Lunches are \$3.25 each without milk. Milks are \$.35

**Heat Ups:** Students are expected to take their home lunch heat ups down to the kitchen to be heated up before they go outside for lunch recess (11:20am). I will remind students to take their heat ups down. Our lunch volunteers heat food during our recess time. If students forget to heat their food up at recess, please know that they will not have the option to have it heated up as our lunch volunteers are very busy with the students that are getting through the lunch line. Having to do forgotten heat ups takes time away from those getting school lunch. Thank you for working with us to remind your child if they have a heat up.

## Daily Schedule

### **Recess**

No morning recess Monday, Thursday, and Friday due to gym.

**Tuesday and Wednesday @10:00am**

**Lunch Recess @ 11:20am**

**Lunch @ 11:45am**

**Afternoon Recess @ 2PM**

### **Specials:**

**Chapel:** Wednesdays @ 8:30am (When lead by classes, 1:00pm)  
you are welcome to attend anytime!

**Gym:** Monday, Thursday and Friday @ 9:40am

**Spanish:** Tuesday @ 10:40am

**Music:** Wednesday @ 9:30am

**Library:** Thursday @ 10:50am

## Homework

I invite you to join me on this exciting and adventurous journey and become partners with me in your child's education. I want to be sure that you and I have the same learning goals for your child. One way to try and achieve this shared vision is to relate the work we are doing at school with the homework your child is doing at home. Therefore, I would like you to help your child with the following kinds of homework assignments:

### **I. Daily Reader:**

Book bags will be sent home every day. It will include a book, an activity to do with the book and a Book-It book log, except for Aug./Sept. there will be a plain book log. Please have your child read the book to you and record it on the book log. Any other books that are read at home can be recorded too. Please initial it when your child has shared the book with you. It is very important that your child bring the book, book bag and the book log back to school **EVERYDAY**.

### **II. Curriculum Assignments:**

There will be a packet that will come home Fridays. It will be due back to school the **following Thursday morning**. Homework will include memory work, spelling, addition and subtraction practice, reading every night and signing the book log, as well as a writing assignment (Sharing page), which will be due on your child's sharing day. Homework will also be any unfinished classwork

for the day. You can find the Memory Work assignments in the Monday Note and on the homework cover page. **All work will be due the following Thursday.**



**Sharing** - This year we will be doing sharing a little differently. Instead of bringing an item from home to school to talk about, each student will bring home in their homework folder a writing assignment. This writing assignment is to be done at home and then brought back to school on your child's assigned day to share with the class.

We will be using our sharing time to practice and develop public speaking skills. This gives them opportunities to become comfortable when speaking in front of their peers. The pages are also a great way to practice writing components throughout the year. My home expectation is that you listen to your child practice reading their page out loud and in front of you until they are comfortable doing so. See the schedule for when your child's sharing day is.

### Sharing Days

(Writing Assignments from homework packet)

Monday – Jaxon, Sydney, Anderson, Dane, Stella

Tuesday- Haley, Anthony, Pearl, James, Jackson

Wednesday- Ayden, Olivia, Ethan, Rayah, Ian

Thursday – Isaac, Callie, Wayne, Emma, Keaton

**Field Trips:** We will be needing volunteer drivers for our field trips. There will be sign-up sheets posted outside the classroom door when the time comes. \*\*If you plan on driving for field trips you will to complete a background check at the cost of \$8 see Mrs. Aker to complete this.

**Class Dojo:** Class Dojo is an online behavior tracking software. I use this program to track student behavior throughout this school day. As a parent you have access to this information through your computer or the Dojo mobile app, (Apple and Android). Through this software I can share pictures, videos, and can message you. Please take some time to download this great app!



**Scholastic Book Orders:** I will be sending book orders home each month. The date they are due back to school will be written on the front of the order form. If you choose to purchase books, please pay by check, payable to Scholastic, not the school or to me. **NO CASH PLEASE!** You may also purchase online using the class code on the order form. The online orders are still sent to the school and I will send them home with your child. I place my book orders when there is a sufficient amount to receive free shipping (this has never been a problem). Once ordered, it takes approximately two weeks for the order to arrive. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase quality books for your child at a very reasonable cost.

**Classroom Celebrations:** We celebrate a few special days in our classroom. We spend the day doing activities such as reading, making projects and learning. A few of these special days are Grandparent's Day, the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. We also celebrate a few holidays. We hold a party during the last hour of the school day to celebrate Christmas and Valentine's Day.

**Water Bottles:** Students may have a small water bottle with a top that closes securely. **All bottles will be filled with water only.** Water bottles will be kept in cubbies or backpacks **NOT** at desks. Water Bottles need to go home **EVERY** Friday to be cleaned. Should the use or presence of water bottles become a nuisance, that student will lose his/her water bottle privilege.



**Toys:** If your child brings toys for before or after care these items are not allowed out of backpacks during the school day (8:20-3:00). Toys tend to become a distraction and a temptation for others. If this becomes a problem the toy will be taken away and you (parent/guardian) will need to come in and get the toy. Unclaimed toys will be returned at the end of the school year. Toys need to stay in backpacks even during recesses, in hopes to keep them from getting lost, stolen, or broken. Please DO NOT send balls to school with your child. The school provides balls and balls from home can get lost and Zion is not responsible for these lost balls.

**Bathroom Breaks:** Students are allowed to use the restroom before school starts, before recess (as we go out), during recess, after recess (as we come in) as well as during work times. If bathroom breaks become a problem, (needing to use the bathroom often), I will be in contact with you so we can reach a solution to this problem as learning takes place in the classroom. My bathroom policy is one boy at a time and one girl at a time, meaning two students may be out of the room at a time but only one boy and one girl.

**Book-It:** The Book-It program starts in October and ends in March. Each month I require students to read or listen to a story. Children can read any books they would like for Book-It. I will send home a calendar to record the minutes each day. After the requirements have been met, please sign and return the calendar for a coupon for a FREE personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. I hope you have fun with this program and make reading a nightly event.

**Memory Work:** Memory Work will be listened to on Fridays, however, if your child knows it before Friday they may say it to me before then. Memory work for the week will be on the website and in the weekly classroom newsletter.

**Snow Gear:** Starting in October through about April we have snow, with that in mind we do still go out for recess. We go out if the wind chill is above 0. Your child needs to be dressed appropriately meaning: hat, winter coat, gloves, snow pants and snow boots in order to play in the snow. **NO SHORTS!!** Without these items they may have to spend recess inside or out of the snow. Winter items also need to go home on Friday, to be washed and dried, as they really start to smell after a while.

**Gym:** We have gym Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Be sure that your child has a pair of clean non-marking tennis shoes for gym class. These will be kept in their cubby. Ms. Mona has them sit out if that are not wearing correct/appropriate shoes. I recommend you send a pair of socks in their backpacks, if they wear sandals during warmer months.



## CLASS LIST (20 students)

Jaxson

Ayden

Sydney

Olivia

Anderson

Ethan

Dane

Rayah

Stella

Ian

Hayley

Isaac

Anthony

Callie

Pearl

Wayne

James

Emma

Jackson

Keaton



## Signature Page:

By signing this page I am saying that I have read through this book with my child, we have talked about the items listed in this book, we have asked my child's teacher any question we may have about these items. I am also saying that I will use this book as a reference throughout the year I have any question about my child's classroom.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

After you have signed this page, please remove this page and return it to the school with your child.