

Back to School Night 2016-2017

♥Information can be found in "Folders" on Edmodo, for your reference!♥



MISS HOWLAND'S FIRST GRADE

MEET THE TEACHER

- Graduate of Kansas State University
- 5 years teaching at CHE
 - 3 in ESOL
 - 1 in Kindergarten



OUR SCHEDULE

8:25-8:50	Morning Work, News Show
8:50-9:00	Morning Meeting
9:00-10:00	Reading Groups and Intervention Block
10:00-10:35	Whole Group Reading
10:35-11:00	Writing
11:00-11:30	Lunch
11:30-11:50	Finish Writing
11:50-12:10	Recess
12:10-12:25	Morning Work/DCCRs
12:25-1:25	Specials
1:25-2:20	Math
2:20-2:50	Intervention Block & Guided Math
2:50-3:25	Social Studies or Science ♥Snacktime!
3:25-3:40	Homework Note, Stack & Pack, Review the Day



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CLASSROOM RULES

WE REINFORCE THE BV VIRTUES

Compassion is treating others the way you want to be treated.

Courage is trying new things in 1st Grade!

Honesty is telling the truth.

Perseverance is working hard to always do your best!

Respect is listening to others share.

Responsibility is taking care of school supplies and property.

Self-Discipline is following directions and making good choices.



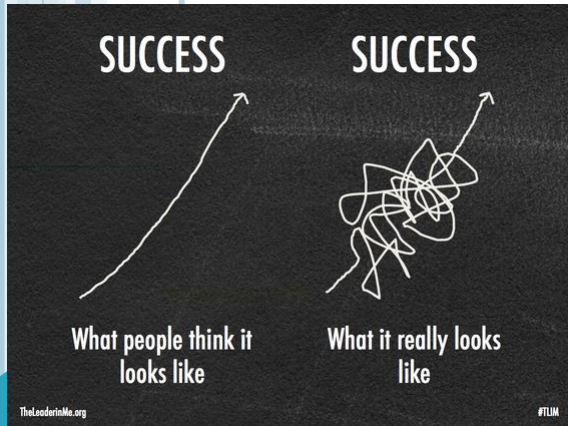
POSITIVE REWARDS & REINFORCEMENT



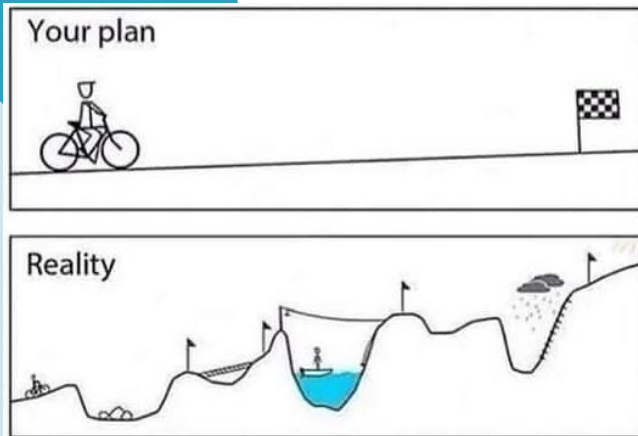
1. Students can earn stickers on their "Cheetah Champ Chart" for showing BV virtues in the class.
2. Students can visit the treasure box or earn additional in-class rewards when their chart is full.
3. Students can also receive multiple "caught-ya" tickets throughout the day for showing expected behaviors. Two names are pulled at the end of the day and they get a candy treat and certificate to take home!



GROWTH MINDSET



The growth mindset focuses on a student's hard work and perseverance to reach their goal. It reinforces problem solving skills—especially when things don't go as planned. The growth mindset praises student's for their effort.



10 What Questions

to Develop a Growth Mindset in Children

1. What did you do today that made you think hard?
2. What happened today that made you keep on going?
3. What can you learn from this?
4. What mistake did you make that taught you something?
5. What did you try hard at today?
6. What strategy are you going to try now?
7. What will you do to challenge yourself today?
8. What will you do to improve your work?
9. What will you do to improve your talent?
10. What will you do to solve this problem?

The growth mindset challenges students to push themselves to do their personal best. When something does not go as planned, it challenges students to evaluate their actions and form a new plan.

Not yet..

Using a growth mindset, student's do not fail to reach the goal, they are just not there yet.

HOMework & BEHAVIOR CHECK THE GO FOLDER!

- READ, READ & READ each and every night
- Baggie Books – At least once a week!
- Sight Words
- Spelling Words
Pre-test on Mondays, Post-test on Fridays
- Math Papers
- EDMODO, Lead 21, and enVisions access at home
- Look for the FRIDAY FOLDER containing the week's work!



TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES

- <http://safeshare.tv/x/ss57b31c57c122a>

There are many opportunities for your child to utilize technology with our curriculum both at school and at home.

- Edmodo
- Lead 21
- enVisions
- Sumdog
- Ten Marks

Passwords will be taped to the GO! Folders so students can access the websites for their homework as needed.

Students will be expected to log on to these sites independently.

HANDWRITING

We work hard to help students work on their fine motor skills.

Using proper grip while cutting, gluing, coloring and writing is essential to their development.

Please also practice tying shoes and zipping coats!

Thank you for reinforcing this at home when you are working with your child!



WRITING



Students will write every day in 1st grade for a variety of purposes!

1. Journal Writing
2. Writing Center
3. Writing Process (First Draft, Editing, Conferencing, Publishing, Sharing)
4. ♥ Narrative, Informative, Opinion, Grammar



READING



- A balanced program filled with Whole Group Instruction, Non-Fiction pieces as well as fiction, Small Groups, Read Alouds, Phonics, Spelling, and Literature! (LEAD 21)
- Students will learn strategies for decoding, fluency, and comprehension.
- My goal is to give your child the skills they need to succeed and a LOVE of reading that will last a lifetime!





READING AT HOME

- Fluency: What is it?
 - Fluency is reading in long, meaningful phrases, with confidence and expression
 - Students will be assessed on fluency throughout the year
- Leveled readers will come home once per week – these are stories we've been reading!
- Phonics Readers are to keep at home
- Students should be reading minutes each night for their school Reading Calendar. I will follow up with classroom incentives for turning in their Monthly Reading Calendar.



READING ASSESSMENTS

- Sight words - students will be assessed throughout the year in Reading
 - Word List 1: these words should already be mastered
 - Word List 2: words will come home to practice as covered in class
- Students will be assessed through MAP testing throughout the year
- Teachers will use Running Records, quarterly assessments and classroom observations to assess the students



MATHEMATICS - ENVISIONS

1ST GRADE HAS 16 TOPICS

Algebraic Thinking

1. Understanding Addition
2. Understanding Subtraction
3. Five & Ten Relationships
4. Addition & Subtraction Facts to 12
5. Addition Facts to 20
6. Subtraction Facts to 20

Number and Operations

7. Counting and Number Patterns to 120
8. Tens and Ones



MATHEMATICS

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9. Comparing & Ordering Numbers to 100
10. Adding with Tens & Ones
11. Subtracting with Tens & Ones

Measurement and Data

12. Length
13. Time
14. Using Data to Answer Questions

Geometry

15. Geometry
16. Fractions of Shapes



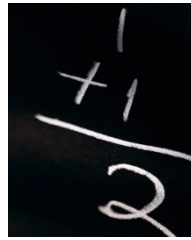
MATHEMATICS

MATH INTERVENTION

- Students take a pre-test before we begin each topic
- Some students are recommended to receive math intervention
- Parents will receive a letter and email letting you know
- Students attending Math Intervention will go on a topic by topic basis



FACT FLUENCY



BV has implemented Kim Sutton's Block 10, for grades K-5

I refer this as our "Fact Fluency" time

Songs and games help students to understand the "rules" in math, while becoming fluent with their facts

Assessments are given with each strategy taught

Utilizing Flash Cards at home is a HUGE support!



SCIENCE



- Plant and Animal Parts
- Light
- Sound
- Sun, Moon and Stars



SOCIAL STUDIES



- Home and School Families
- Economics
- Kansas and the United States
- Holidays



GRADES

- Using Parent Vue, you will see a "gradebook" of scores using a 3, 2 or 1.
- This is a district wide expectation for first grade teachers

- 3: Proficient
 - The student has mastered skills and concepts. The student independently applies and demonstrates knowledge.
- 2: Developing
 - The student is making progress with learning skills and applying concepts with appropriate support.
- 1: Requires Support
 - The student requires 1 on 1 or small group assistance. The student may require intervention support from the teacher or support staff. The student displays limited independence.



FIELD TRIPS



- September 23RD : Wilderness Science Center – Plant Structure
- November 1st: Ernie Miller Nature Center: The Teepee

♥ In House, meaning they come to us!

We are hoping the others we have planned fall into place for us! Stay tuned...



SNACK!

- Students may have a water bottle in their cubby
- Please send in healthy treats off the "Approved Snack" list
- We will often work during snack—"Finger foods" are best
- Please adhere to this for birthday treats as well. Drinks are not necessary for birthday celebrations



HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Library on Thursdays
- Counselor every other Wednesday
- Each child will have a Star Student week
 - It has been scheduled near their birthday (when possible)
 - If your child has a summer birthday we can celebrate during their Star Student week
 - Instructions will come home the Friday before and our class bear will visit that week as well



RECESS

- Morning recess for the first few weeks from 10:00 – 10:15
- Recess in the afternoon from 11:50-12:10
- In the fall, winter and spring, it is best to pack a jacket, mittens and hat. The playground temperatures are MUCH colder than standing on your driveway.
- Students should be able to zip their jackets independently!



PICK UP!

- Please stay in the office and your child will be sent to you. Your child cannot be released to you from the classroom.
- Students will be standing with their older sibling outside if they are a car rider.
- Please send in a note or call the office if there is any change in transportation for the afternoon – **please** do NOT send an email or tell me verbally. Call the office if there is a midday change in transportation.



CONTACT INFORMATION

- E-mail is the quickest way to get a message to me
- <http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/che>
- You may find notes in your child's "Go Folder"
- Check out Edmodo for news in the classroom
- An email containing the Friday Newsletter will be mailed at the end of each week



CLASS DONATIONS

We need lots of items to be organized and successful in first grade.

If you feel that you can donate an item(s), please pick up one of our star wishes. We would be very grateful.

Thank you SO much!



I'M LOOKING FORWARD
TO A FANTASTIC YEAR!

