

Class Expectations- First Graders are expected to come to school prepared and on time. Students are responsible to follow all school and class rules. We show respect for ourselves, our classmates, and our learning environment. Good behavior is expected.

Class Work - All class work is given with sufficient time to complete. Unfinished class work becomes homework. It is important that students stay on task. Being a cooperative learner is key especially during learning group activities.

Homework- Homework folders go home daily. Inside you will find your child's Homework notebook where assignments are copied. Homework is a review of lessons taught earlier that day. It is to be done neatly and according to the directions- **please do not go ahead in any books**. Please place all completed homework assignments back inside this folder to be collected the next day. Assignments will also be posted weekly on our class webpage/parent preview.

Supplies - Students are responsible for their school supplies. Pencil cases will go home each Friday. Please sharpen pencils over the weekend. Please do not send in sharpeners to school. You will be asked to send in new supplies as things run out.

Books- Books that need to be covered will be sent home next week, a few books each day to keep school bags light. Please have all books covered by 9/13. Clear contact paper only.

Desk Maintenance- Keeping our desks and work spaces neat and organized is very important. Students are to respect school property.

Labels- Please label all school supplies and belongings with your child's name. This includes QPGS uniform items such as school sweaters and sweatshirts and water bottles.

Snack Break- We will have a snack break at 10 am each day. I ask that students do not share snacks. One healthy snack only please.

Water Bottles- Students may keep a water bottle at their desk to enjoy throughout the day. These bottles will not be refilled at school, so they need to be handled conservatively. Please provide a second water bottle or other drink to be enjoyed at lunch; this will be kept in your child's lunchbox.

GYM- First Graders attend gym class on Tuesdays. Please have your child dress in his/her gym uniform and sneakers on all gym days. Safety is a priority and sneakers must be worn.

Birthdays- Cupcakes, donuts, cookies, or munchkins are acceptable. No cakes, no goody bags, no drinks. We have 17 students. Birthday students may dress-down on their birthday.

Queen of Peace Folders- are collected each morning. All money brought into school must be in an envelope labeled with your child's name and class. Please check your child's Queen of Peace Folder daily.

Friday Folders- Each Friday students will bring home their Friday Folder. Inside you will find tests, writing assignments, graded homework, and worksheets completed during the week. I ask that you sign off each week and send it back **empty** every Monday. This is your "Homework 😊."

Reading Folders- Reading Folders also go home each day, they will include tools to practice at home the skills we are learning in class. Each folder includes:

- “Phonics Focus” chart
- “Re-read it” a pull out book for fluency
- “Words to Know” cards to review
- “Book for Later, Alligator”

These items will be updated each week with new materials. Please keep all of the items in this folder in good condition, and make sure that they return to school each day. We have a system so please do not reorganize or write on these materials.

Teacher Contact- Our learning day is a busy one! We have an active classroom that is student centered where my time is spent fully engaged with your child. Because of this, emails may not always be read until later in the day. If there is an urgent message please call the school office. This includes a change in dismissal, an early pick-up, or any other urgent concern.

Absences- Please send an email when your child is absent. Absentee emails will be shared with the school office and Nurse Layna. Work will only be provided unless your child is absent for multiple days and only if requested. Assignments can always be made up once your child is feeling better. Please note that if you take a vacation during scheduled school time work will not be pre-planned for your child. All work can be made up upon your child’s return.

Dismissal- First Grade is dismissed **promptly at 2:45**. At 2:50 students will be brought back up to our classroom. Aftercare begins at 3:00.

Class Webpage- Visit our webpage! From class photos to important links, you can find it all here. It is updated often so be sure to check it out!

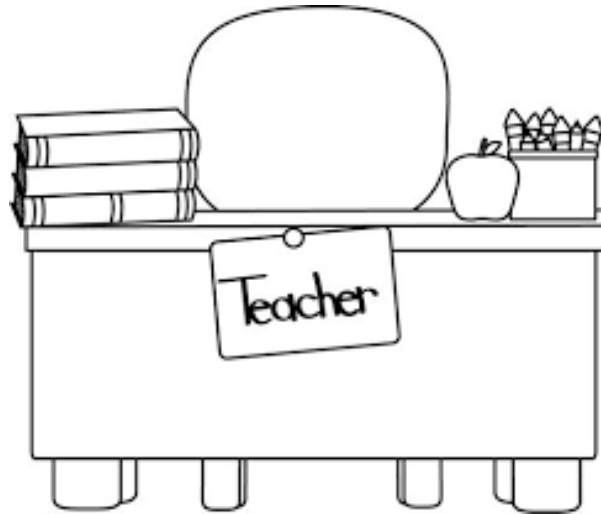
Student Emails- All students are issued a school email address. Our Google Classroom alerts are sent to student emails only. The password for all first grade student emails is: qpgs2023. **Please do not change your child's password.**

Google Classroom- Please join our Google Classroom. An email invite was sent to your child's school email address. Once you join our class, be sure to visit often. Math videos and stories of the week will be posted to extend our learning day at home. Each Friday you will see a posting of things we will be learning the following week. Assignments will never be posted on our GC. It is used only as a means of enrichment.

<https://classroom.google.com/>

Class code: 2mphnw4

CLASS 1A
SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! Attached is a packet filled with information about our First Grade class. I look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have on Open School Night.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Applegate



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