

Happy New Year Parents!

Hope your holidays were wonderful! I know I am super excited for what the rest of the year has in store for our students at GES. I am going to be changing a few things to make the rest of the year run a little more smoothly.

First, we will be implementing the “Oops” note system. This is a behavior plan that I feel will help to reduce the small problem behaviors in the classroom. Each student is given “3 strikes” or chances before I send home the note. It simply states the student lost their recess due to failure to make smart choices in the classroom such as, excessive talking, showing disrespect to fellow classmates or adults, or being out of their seat, etc. The note will indicate the problem behavior along with the signature of the student and teacher. In the letter it asks for your signature as well. The student must bring back the note signed by you in order to earn their recess back. This will help me to know that you have read the note and are aware of the behavior. After the student receives two “Oops” notes, the third note they will receive is an “Oops” letter. In this letter it asks to schedule a conference with you and your child to address the behaviors. This means the behavior has happened a total of twelve, times prior to this letter (three times before the first note is sent, then three more times before the second, and three before the letter).

Second, I will be changing up how we do homework slightly. Instead of a weekly math sheet we will have a practice sheet coming home nightly to review what was taught in class. The review sheet will be completed in class and come home simply as a study guide. Then, the following day they will be given a “mini quiz” over the material covered on the review sheet at the beginning of class. On Friday, each student will be given a test over all material covered that week. It is good practice for third grade to start having our students study and review the material they have learned nightly, because they will begin having nightly homework assignments due.

Reading/ Language Arts homework will consist of the spelling choice board (A new copy is in their folder and if lost can be found on my website under the homework tab) and a reading log (20 mins nightly and recorded in folder on the school log). Students will be competing in Malcolm Mitchell’s Read Bowl for the next four weeks along with the “Fire and Ice” school reading initiative/competition. It is very important that each student read and record minutes nightly.

Third, weekly papers will no longer consist of a “weekly conduct” grade. If students receive no “Oops” notes they will receive a 3. If students have a constant problem behavior it will be indicated in the note and they will receive a 2 or 1 in that area of conduct on their report card depending on the severity.

As the year is past the midpoint, some students’ supplies are in need of replenishment such as their colored pencils, pencils, glue and scissors...as some have been lost or used up. Please ask your child what they need more of and send those supplies in to help in the success of their learning.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me via Remind App. 😊

Thank you again for your continued support!

Ms. Smith