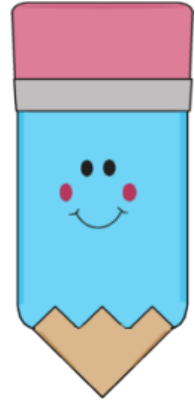


Welcome to Mrs. Gilliam's Class!

I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year. First grade is a busy year, and your child will grow and learn so much. Here are a few things that may help the year go smoothly.



Attendance

Our school opens at 8:45 each morning, and instruction begins promptly at 9:15. Being at school on time everyday has a HUGE impact on your child's growth. If your child arrives after 9:15, he should stop in the office to get a tardy slip. If your child is absent, please send a note/email within two days of your child's return to school.

Lunch/Snack

Our lunch time is 11:25-11:55. School lunch costs \$3.75. To put money on your child's account, go to: <http://www.myschoolbucks.com/> Please let me know if you need your child's student number to set up your account. To apply for free lunch, go to: <http://www.myschoolapps.com/> We will have a brief snack time at 2:45. Please send a small, healthy snack your child can eat in less than 10 minutes. Your child is welcome to drink water in the classroom and playground, but please do not send juice.

Specials

Our specials are from 2:00-2:45 on the following days of the week. Please wear sneakers on Wednesday for P.E.

Monday  Media 

Tuesday  Science Lab 

Wednesday  Art 

Thursday  Music 

Friday  P.E. 

Communication

Education is a partnership between parents and teachers, and I look forward to working with you. Each week we will send home a blue Monday folder with your child's work and school/PTA flyers. Please return the Monday folder on Tuesdays. I also send regular email and Talking Points messages with announcements. You may email me at egilliam@wcpss.net or send a text through the Talking Points app.

Homework

Read! Read! Read! The most effective way to support your child's learning is to read with your child. I also send home our Letterland words for the week each Monday with ways to practice them at home. Please return homework on Fridays.

Behavior

Our classroom is designed for young children with opportunities to move and talk. We frequently praise the children for positive behaviors. Together we develop class rules for how we will act at school and treat others. If a child forgets to do this, we will redirect her. If she continues to disrespect others, she will be removed from the group or activity. If this behavior occurs several times in one day, I will reach out to you.

Transportation

In order to keep your child safe, we need to know how your child will go home each day-bus, carpool, YMCA, sidewalk walker (goes out the front door), path walker (goes out the back gate). **If your child will go home a different way than usual, we need a note, Talking Points message or email before 2:00. If you do not get a reply from me, please call the front office at 919-562-3555 to let us know.** Bus riders are strongly encouraged to get the Here Comes the Bus app.