

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back! My name is Mr. Figueroa and I look forward to a wonderful and productive school year. My goal is to facilitate the development of an inclusive classroom where all students feel safe, valued, and supported in their learning.



Edsby

Please ensure you are on Edsby, this is how I will be communicating with you. All information, fieldtrips, and classroom updates will be posted on Edsby.

Classroom Expectations

It is my goal to make this year a positive learning experience for each student. I have two classroom expectations: (1) Try your best and (2) Follow the "Golden Rule".

Lateness and Attendance

The school doors open at 8:30 am and your child must be in their desk at 8:40 am. Classes begin at 8:45 am. If your child is late to school, they must sign in at the office and get a late slip before coming to class.

8:42 am First Bell
8:45 am Classes Begin
10:15 - 10:30 am Morning Recess
11:30 am - 12:15 pm Recess/Lunch
1:45 - 2:00 Afternoon Recess
3:15 pm Dismissal

Lunch

Please ensure that your child has a proper healthy nutritious lunch. St. Mark school is a nutrition positive school. Please do not send any candies, chocolate bars, pop, or "junk" food as a lunch. **Reminder** that St. Mark is a **Nut and Fragrance** alert school due to severe allergies of some of our students and staff.

Homework

As it is not always possible to provide students with enough time to complete assignments in class, sometimes work is expected to be done at home. Project work and studying also require additional time at home. Homework is listed daily on the whiteboard at the front of the classroom. If your child's homework is not completed, they will be asked to complete it sometime during the day, when it does not interfere with instruction. If your child is unable to complete their homework due to reasons out of their control, please send a note with your child giving the reasons.

Field Trips

We will be going on several field trips this school year. However, I will need parent volunteers to help. All volunteers who join us on field trips need to have a Criminal Occurrence Security Check. The office will provide 2 forms to parents that are interested in volunteering. Parents will go to the Police Station and submit their documentation. Once the security check is complete, then you will need to provide it to the school. These are good for 12 months. Without parent volunteers I will not be able to go on field trips.

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