



# FIRST GRADE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



## LITERACY

YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN LITERACY THROUGH A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES. THIS YEAR WE ARE USING A PROGRAM CALLED “READER’S WORKSHOP” IN WHICH YOUR CHILD WILL BE TAUGHT ABOUT DIFFERENT GENRES OF BOOKS, COMPREHENSION, DECODING AND OTHER READING CONCEPTS THROUGH ACTUAL READING. THEY WILL DISCOVER HOW TO CHOOSE BOOKS THAT ARE “JUST RIGHT” FOR THEM TO BE SUCCESSFUL AS A READER. PHONICS WILL BE TAUGHT THROUGH DIRECT INSTRUCTION AND GAMES IN WHICH THE STUDENTS CAN MANIPULATE WORDS AND SOUNDS. WE WILL PRACTICE AND LEARN FIVE HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS EACH WEEK. WRITING IS ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING THINGS TO TEACH TO YOUNG EMERGENT LEARNERS. STUDENTS WILL WRITE IN DIFFERENT GENRES: OPINION (TOPIC, REASONS FOR OPINION, AND CLOSURE), NARRATIVES (BEGINNING, MIDDLE AND END) AND INFORMATIVE (TOPIC, FACTS AND CLOSURE). STUDENTS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLISH AND SHARE THEIR WORK.

## MATH

OREM ELEMENTARY WILL BE SUPPORTING THE NEW STATE CORE. IT WILL BE A DEEPER AND MORE RIGOROUS UNDERSTANDING OF MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS. WE HAVE CREATED A MATH WIZARD PROGRAM THAT WILL HELP STUDENTS LEARN AND DEVELOP FLUENCY IN MATH.

## SPECIALTIES

YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING MUSIC/ART, P.E. AND TECHNOLOGY TWICE A WEEK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## HOMEWORK

EACH CHILD WILL HAVE A FOLDER THAT WILL BE CHECKED EACH MORNING AND SENT HOME AT THE END OF EACH SCHOOL DAY. READING IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EACH DAY FOR AT LEAST 20 MINUTES AND WILL NEED TO BE INITIALED AND RECORDED DAILY. READING, MATH WIZARD AND WORD WIZARD WILL BE THEIR HOMEWORK.

### **GRADING**

GRADES WILL BE GIVEN BASED ON A MASTERY OF LEARNING STANDARDS FOUND IN THE UTAH STATE CORE CURRICULUM. PROGRESS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AT EACH PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE. THERE ARE THREE TRIMESTERS AND REPORT CARDS WILL BE SENT HOME THREE TIMES THIS YEAR.

### **ATTENDANCE**

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD IS ON TIME EACH DAY AS WE BEGIN INSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY. WE WILL PICK THE STUDENTS UP OUTSIDE ON THEIR DESIGNATED NUMBER SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST BELL, WHICH RINGS AT 7:55 FOR 8:00 STUDENTS AND 9:10 FOR 9:15 STUDENTS. IF YOUR CHILD IS MORE THAN 15 MINUTES LATE, PLEASE CHECK THEM IN THROUGH THE OFFICE. IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT, PLEASE CALL OR WRITE A NOTE TO THE OFFICE TO EXCUSE YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE.

### **DISCIPLINE**

RULES WILL BE ESTABLISHED THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL. CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN BEHAVIOR. IF THERE IS EVER A PROBLEM AT SCHOOL, YOU WILL RECEIVE A NOTE OR A PHONE CALL. IF YOU EVER HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED AT SCHOOL, THEN PLEASE CONTACT US.

### **DONATIONS**

TEACHERS WILL HAVE A DONATION TREE HANGING BY THEIR DOOR. YOU CAN DONATE SUPPLIES TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM. THE DONATIONS ARE VOLUNTARY.

**NOTICE: THE ITEMS ON THE DONATION TREES WILL BE USED DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY. THEY MAY BE BROUGHT FROM HOME ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS; OTHERWISE, THE SCHOOL WILL FURNISH THEM.**

WE ARE EXCITED TO TEACH YOUR CHILD AND WATCH THEM LEARN AND GROW.

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