

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Well, well, well... where did the summer go? School is already back in full swing and we are extremely elated and excited about this year and being a part of your child's next learning adventure. We have a lot of wonderful plans and ideas to implement in the classroom. Below is important information about our classroom routines and procedures. Please take the time to read each section.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:20-8:45	Morning Routines (Unpack, turn in homework, write homework in agenda book, sharpen pencils, morning work, math facts, AR)
8:45-9:00	Grammar
9:00-10:00	Guided Reading
10:00-10:35	Craftplus Writing
10:35-11:20	Related Arts Block
11:25-11:55	RTI Reading Groups (Phonics, Fluency, Comprehension, Enrichment)
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Recess
1:05-2:00	Growing With Mathematics
2:00-2:30	Accelerated Math (AM)/ Title 1 Math
2:30-3:10	Science/Social Studies
3:10-3:20	Handwriting Without Tears/AR
3:20-3:30	Pack Up/Read Aloud/Dismissal

Related Arts Schedule

Monday: Library

Tuesday: P.E./Health (Remember to wear sneakers!!)

Wednesday: Art

Thursday: Music

Friday: MP1: Library; MP2: P.E.; MP3: Art; MP4: Music

The Point Card

The point card is a behavior management tool to document behavior, as well as classwork completion. Students earn points in each subject area for completing their work and displaying good behavior at the same time. At the end of the day, we will mark your child's point card with the value in which he/she earned. A "15" indicates your child had a PERFECT day!! Anything less than a 15 means that he/she either did not complete an assignment or exhibited inappropriate behavior during the school day. On the bottom of the point card is a key, which will be used to let you know exactly what happened. For instance, B- stands for behavior. **Please sign your child's point card every night and send back to school in his/her homework folder. Furthermore, please initial under your signature to signify your child READ his/her AR book for at least 15 minutes.**

The Friday Folder

Every Friday, your child will bring home an orange folder that will contain graded classwork assignments, tests, and a parent review/comment sheet. Please take out all of the work in the right side of the folder. Sign and return the papers in the left side of the Friday Folder. This could include tests, permission slips, and the parent/review comment sheet. The Friday Folder and left side papers are expected to be returned Monday morning or a point will be taken off the point card.

HOMEWORK

Tentative Homework Schedule:

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling Options: Spelling 3x each; Spelling Map; Analogies; Syllables and label accents • Math: Worksheet • Read AR for 15 minutes!
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Vocabulary Paragraph • Math: Mad Minute & Worksheet sometimes • Read AR for 15 minutes!
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling Options: Spelling ABC order; Cartoon Strip; Classify words by parts of speech; Letter/Poem • Math: Extended Response • Read AR for 15 minutes!
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Read the reading story of the week at home to a parent. Complete the reading response using the four-questions. Your answer may be typed and stapled to the homework OR you can blog your complete response on our website. • Math: Mad Minute & Worksheet sometimes • Read AR for 15 minutes!
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Folders • Read AR for 30 minutes! • *Depending on the skills your child is learning in Reading, extra homework may be assigned for reinforcement.

Consistency is ideal. The homework schedule will be modified from time to time due to shortened weeks or holidays. Reading and spelling tests will be given on Fridays. Spelling tests will be a part of their grammar score. Students are expected to write down their homework every morning in their agenda books. We will send home a weekly agenda each Monday to inform you of the homework schedule for the week and important notes to remember.

Spelling and vocabulary will be completed in a composition book.

Grading Policy

Mandated by the school district, reading is graded as follows: classwork 50%, end of the unit assessments-skills test 25%, holistic test 25%. All other subjects are 50/50.

Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading

AM	AR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated math program through Renaissance Place (computer program) that is aligned with 3rd grade math curriculum. • Students work at their own pace and level. • Students will be expected to scan at least 3 times a week. • Completed AM will be sent home in the Friday Folder. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be assessed in the first week of school to determine their reading level. • From there, students independently choose books from the school library on their level and take a computer assessment when they are ready. • Students will be expected to quiz at least twice a week! • It is so vital for your child to read at least 15 minutes a night!!!! • Every morning students will be expected to quiz on their book. • After your child has reached the 2.6 level, they must read 6 picture books and 4 chapter books and earn 90% or better on each book in order to move to the next level.

Parent Involvement

We are a team! Members of a team work together, communicate, and develop the best strategies to ensure a winning record. As a team we can a positive learning experience for your child. If you are planning to come to school, please let us know and remember to sign in the office and get a visitor's pass.

Wellness Policy

As an authorized policy in the Smyrna School District, students must eat healthy snacks during school hours. Cookies, candy, and other high sugar foods are not allowed as a snack. We will have a morning snack around 10:00. Examples of acceptable snacks include fruits, veggies, or pretzels. We highly encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school. Water helps stimulate and activate the mind. Water is the only drink allowed in the classroom (except on special occasions). Clear flavored water is permitted, but colored drinks are not acceptable. As a personal preference, please send in a sports water bottle with a sippy lid to help prevent accidental spills. Attached you will find a district guideline of suggested healthy snacks.

Contact Information

Email: WilsonAmanda@smyrna.k12.de.us or FloydMaryKate@smyrna.k12.de.us
Please email both teachers if you have a concern.

Phone: We can be reached at 653-8589 from 10:40-11:15 or after school until 4:00.

Important Information

- Attached is a parent survey for you to complete about your child. This survey helps us get to know you and your child better and gain insights on their hobbies and learning styles.
- Please return the following items to school as soon as possible:
 - Allergy Form
 - Emergency Card
 - Parent Survey
 - Title 1 Form
 - Lunch Form (if needed)
- **Open House- Monday, September 13, 2010 from 6:00-8:00. We anticipate seeing all parents at this event!**
- Website: www.floydson.viviti.com
- The following donations to our classroom would be greatly appreciated:
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Liquid Soap
 - Ziploc Baggies
 - Small brown lunch bags

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. We look forward to working with your child. Together we can make this year a success for your child.

Sincerely,

Miss Mandi Wilson

Mrs. Mary Kate Floyd