

Welcome to Ms. Kennedy's First Grade Class

This is our Acceptable Use Policy.

An Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is a list of our classroom rules. This is what I expect of you, the student in the classroom, and in return what you should expect should these rules be broken. Our classroom rules are to keep us safe, and help us create the best learning environment for you and your friends.

Classroom Rules:

1. Come to class ready to learn.
2. Be kind to your teacher and friends.
3. Use your little voice. Your big voice is for P.E. and recess.
4. Follow instructions the first time they are given.
5. Always keep your hands and feet to yourself.

Please initial here: _____ stating that you and your child have read and understand these rules.

Consequences:

In my classroom, I use an app called ClassDojo, and students can earn Dojo points to spend in our class store on Fridays. Each morning everyone starts at three Dojo points for the day. The first time I need to correct a behavior breaking a general classroom rule, they will receive a warning. If I need to correct them again, they will lose a point. Every correction thereafter will result in the loss of a Dojo point. In addition, after losing two points (three chances), I will contact parents. If a student loses all three of their points, there will be a trip to the office.

Students can also earn points back, or past three points for displaying appropriate behavior in the classroom, receiving good reports from their extra-curricular activity teachers, travelling appropriately, etc.

It is to my discretion to give or take away points, and modify as needed.

*There is another document going home regarding ClassDojo, please look for that document as parents can get notifications on their child's activity on ClassDojo.

Please initial here: _____ stating that you and your student have read and understand these consequences.

Throughout the day, we will utilize different technologies to engage in another type of learning in an effort to diversify your child's education experience. These technological devices include, laptops, desktop computer, a smartboard, and iPads among other devices. These devices have their own rules to follow in addition to the classroom rules.

Technology Rules:

1. Do not use any form of electronic technology without permission from the teacher.
2. Take special care of the electronic devices. Do not do things that could damage the devices.
3. Work the entire time you are on the electronic devices.
4. Keep your hands on your device, do not touch another student's, or your teacher's devices.
5. Only use the smartboard under the supervision of the teacher. There will be times during the day where students will get to work on the smartboard in whole group activities.

Please initial here: ____ stating that you and your child have read and understand these roles regarding the technology in our classroom.

Consequences:

Technology in our classroom is a privilege. We will follow the same consequence sequence for our technology as we do in our classroom. However, since technology is a privilege, depending on the severity of the situation, there could result in addition consequences such as, but not limited to: The loss of technology privileges, a one-on-one student conference between the teacher and student on correct behavior on technology, or an apology letter written for misusing the equipment.

Please initial here: ____ stating that you and your child have read and understand these consequences regarding the misuse of technology in our classroom.

Internet Rules:

1. I will only go to educational websites given by my teacher.
2. I will use kind words when publishing or responding to a classmate's post on our class blog. Using unkind words is a form of cyberbullying that will not be tolerated.
3. I will not violate copyright or plagiarism laws. *
4. I will only play games when given instructions by my teacher to do so once my work is completed correctly.
5. All materials that I create will be appropriate and will relate directly to the task that we are currently working on.

Consequences:

The consequences for not following our internet rules are different than the consequences to our classroom or technology rules.

- Each student will receive one warning, and will have their internet activity monitored more closely by the teacher present at the time.
- After an initial warning, the student will lose any "game time" at the end of the work period.
- If a third correction occurs, the student will be referred to the office to conference with the principal, vice principal, or counsellor about what is appropriate use of the internet. Any consequence deemed necessary by the office will be followed in my classroom.
- In the case of cyberbullying, a different approach will be used. We will talk about bullying, and cyberbullying at the beginning of the year. It will be stressed that it will not be tolerated. If a student is caught engaging or promoting cyberbullying they will be referred immediately to the principal's office for a conference. Bullying is very serious and it will not be tolerated.

It is to my discretion to change these consequences as I see fit.

Please initial here: _____ stating that you and your child have read and understand the consequences associated with the misuse of the internet.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism, in the easiest terms, is claiming another person's work is your own, or using another person's work without giving them credit for their work. Plagiarism is stealing. No amount of plagiarism is okay. I will work with your student to help them, as this is something new. Parents, please stress the importance of students doing their own work. It is okay to use resources, but we must use and document these resources correctly.

Copyright violations/Fair Use Policy:

Some materials on the internet have been copyright-protected by their owners. I, as a teacher, will show your child websites where there is not a copyright-protection. If a student goes on their own and finds and uses materials that are copyright-protected, they are violating copyright rules. I, and the school, do not assume responsibility for any copyright violations.

Every material that I use in my classroom, if I do not own rights to it, I am using under the Fair Use clause of copyright.

By signing below, I acknowledge and have read the rules and consequences for misbehavior in my child's classroom.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Teacher Name

Teacher Signature

Date