

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Kindergarten Gifted/1st Grade

I am looking forward to this new school year. There are lots of new things to be learned and new friends to be made.

My goal for this year is to help your child to be an independent and responsible learner, as well as, to show him or her how to make responsible choices. To accomplish this goal, there will be regular homework and we will be making the most of our class time. My expectations for the students this year will be high. They will need to work hard and do their best.

Please, read over the next few pages with your child. These pages will outline the classroom policies, discipline, and answer some questions you may have about the school year. Be sure you talk about what is in the packet with your child. The last page will need to be signed by both the student and parent and returned to me. This page tells me that both the parent and student know and understand the rules, consequences, and expectations for this year.

I am glad you are all here and can't wait to get started. I know it will be a productive year; I will strive to make each day of learning fun and enriching. This is an exciting time for your child lets work together to build your child's social, emotional, and academic self.

Sincerely,

Miss Gipson



What do you need for school?

All children should have a backpack with their school supplies/books. Backpacks will help keep their school supplies and work organized. Children should also bring a water bottle. Water is the only liquid allowed during school hours.

Homework

Homework will be on a daily basis and is due the following day. Homework is mandatory and 15% of your student's grade. There are few allowable excuses for homework that is not turned in or incomplete. Homework not done will result in the following consequences:

- ✓ The assignment needs to be finished.
- ✓ 3 minutes will be taken off of any extra-curricular activity such as school dance, for each assignment not completed.
- ✓ A call will be made after 2-3 days of missed assignment.
- ✓ If it continues to be a problem, a homework contract will be sent home which will need to be signed by both the parent and student.

Homework missed due to absence will usually be due the following day after returning. But of course, due to the number of days missed, workload, and the reason for the absence, the due- date can sometimes be negotiable.

Essential Agreements (Things Needed in Our Class to Make it a Successful Year)

1. Follow directions quickly
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak
3. Raise Your hand for permission to leave your seat
4. Make smart choices
5. Keep your dear teacher happy

Field Trips - Parent Volunteer

If you are interested in volunteering for field trips this school year (Virtual or otherwise) you will need to apply through Chicago Public Schools. Please visit the CPS website: cpsvolunteers.org

Thank you for reviewing your child's packet. As we begin our Remote Learning experience together I am confident we will be successful!

Stay safe and well,
Miss Gipson