**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

My name is Robin Horan, and I am delighted to have your first grade student in my classroom. I know this year will be an exciting and rewarding one for your child!

**Parent-Teacher Communication**

Your child will bring home a green Homework Folder every day. Homework folders should be turned in daily. Inside the folder you will find a daily behavior report, notes from me or the school, and homework. **Each day, please read and sign the behavior report and check the folder for notes.** To contact me, send a note in the folder, call the school at 912-395-3925, or email me (robin.horan@sccpss.com). You may also access homework assignments, classroom and school news, and useful learning links on my website: <http://mrshoranspack.weebly.com/>

**Class Dojo/Behavior**

In addition to the daily behavior report, I use ClassDojo to encourage positive behaviors. Each student has an avatar, and his or her avatar earns points for positive behavior. Students who earn 2 points per day (10 per week) enjoy Friday Treat. I have found that students love ClassDojo! I have attached an invite that allows you to connect with my Dojo classroom. To learn more, I encourage you to view this video: <https://youtu.be/Rzzb5cmNoc0> .

**Homework**

* Homework sheets will be sent home in your student’s Homework Folder each Monday. Have your student complete and return them in the Homework Folder on Friday. **Homework folders should be turned in every day.**
* For Reading Homework, students are required to read for 20 minutes each night and record the book in a Reading Log.
* For Math Homework, students will complete a portion of a math activity sheet each night. Activities will be related to math concepts taught in class.
* Completed math homework will earn a 100. Twenty-five points will be deducted for each day that an assignment is incomplete and ten points per day for homework that is late.

**Handwriting**

* Bad habits formed now are very difficult to correct.
* Please supervise while your child writes their homework. Remind your student to: Put your name on top of your paper. Form letters by beginning at the top and moving to the bottom. Use all three line spaces. The letters should go to the baseline. Don’t stop too short or go beyond the baseline.
* Handwriting is part of the Language Arts grade.

**Water & Snack**

**PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE A PEANUT-FREE CLASSROOM!** Please send a fresh water bottle and a **PEANUT-FREE** snack with your child every day. Please pack only ONE snack. DO NOT send candy, juice, or sodas. If you send apples or oranges, PLEASE cut them into sections and put them in zip-lock bags.

**Breakfast & Lunch**

**Breakfast is free for all students this year.** Student lunches cost $2.25.Meal payments may be made at <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/> or in the school cafeteria. If necessary, you may send money in an envelope labeled with your child’s name and the amount of lunch money. The lunchroom will only accept cash. Even children who routinely bring lunch from home may want to have money on account for days when a lunch box is left behind. Do not send canned drinks or glass bottles in lunches or snacks.

**Classroom Supplies & Wish List**

The supply list for first grade can be found on the school’s website. Please label all supplies with your student’s name.

**Birthdays & Birthday Invitations**

You may send a special snack for your child’s birthday. Please send a note or email a few days ahead so I will know when to expect the snack. Per school policy, no party favors, balloons, or candles are allowed.

If you wish to send birthday party invitations to school, you must invite the entire class. Otherwise, we will NOT pass out the invitations. This is a school policy.

Thank you for sharing your child with me this school year. I look forward to a fabulous year filled with learning, growth, and fun! Best regards,

Robin Horan

First Grade Teacher

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