

Welcome Families!

Please write your current email address on a post-it and leave it on my desk if you have not been receiving emails from me.

Session 1 - 6:00-6:30

Session 2 - 6:40-7:10



Agenda

- Welcome Video
 - Room Parent
 - About Me
- Communication
 - Dismissal
- Specialty Schedule
 - Behavior
- Responsibility Folder
 - Field Trips
- School Donations
 - Allergies
 - Birthdays
- Volunteering
- Questions



Welcome

[Back to School Night Welcome Video](#)



Room Parent

Our class is in need of a room parent! As a room parent you will ONLY have 2 big events to coordinate for our class:

1. Fall Festival
2. International Festival

Please let me know if you would be interested in helping out!



About Me



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Classroom Communication

Email: hosterhoudt@westlakecharter.com

•Please visit our class website for parent resources, newsletters, class pictures, and so much more! Its normally updated by every Saturday evening.

<http://mrsosterhoudt.weebly.com/>

•I am normally available to meet with you after school on Mon. and Thur.



Schoolwide Communication

- [WCS Connect Ed](#) or podcast is sent through a weekly telephone call and blog link by email or text message (if you are not receiving them, please let the office know!)



Dismissal

School Dismissal Manager

- Be sure to set a default for pick up and change it when needed so we can correctly send the kids where they need to go. If you need help with this contact the WCS office.

PM Walking School Bus

- students are not allowed to walk to the PM walking school bus without older siblings or adults.

Walk/bike home or classroom pick up

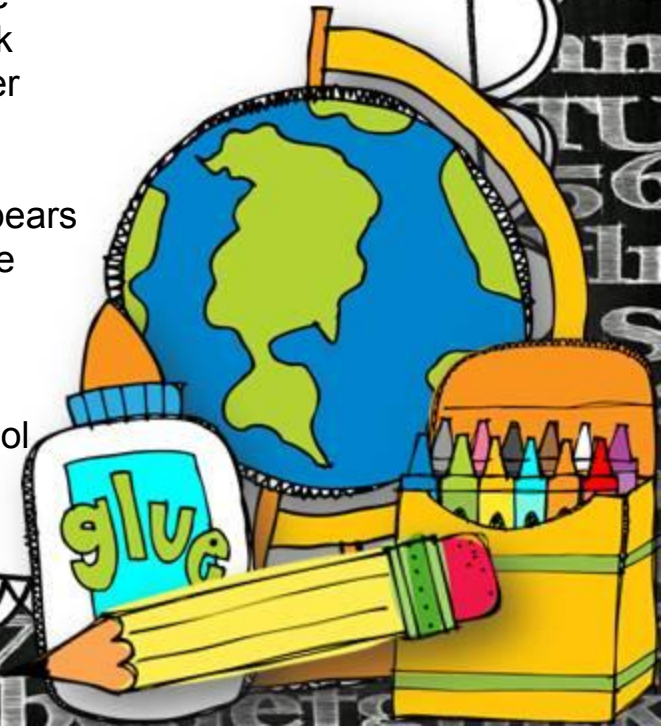
- Please be sure to come to the outside door. First grade students are not allowed to leave the classroom to walk unless an adult is picking them up or they have an older sibling (grades: 4-8) with a dark blue walking tag.

Car pick up

- Students will wait in the classroom until their name appears on the screen with what zone they will be in. First grade students will exit out of the gate by the external exit.

BASE

- First graders who are not picked up by 3:45 (or 2:00 on Wed) are normally walked to our after school care program and checked in. Room B-109



Specialty Schedule

Red Cohort

P.E.: Mon/Thurs **Spanish:** Friday **Art:** Tuesday

Orange Cohort

P.E.: Mon/Thurs **Spanish:** Tuesday **Art:** Friday

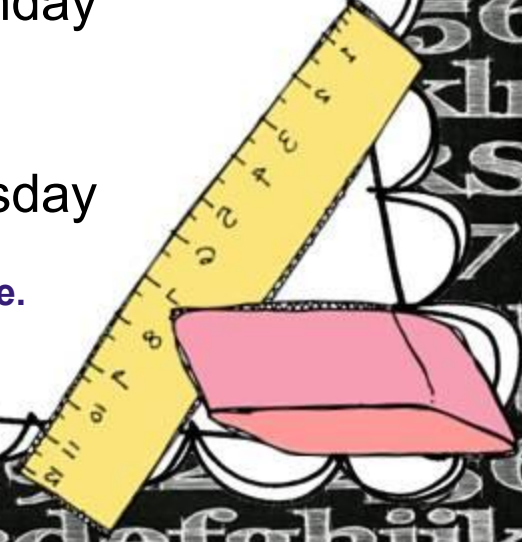
Yellow Cohort

P.E.: Tues/Fri **Spanish:** Thursday **Art:** Monday

Green Cohort

P.E.: Tues/Fri **Spanish:** Monday **Art:** Thursday

Schedule posted on our class webpage on Home Page.



1st Grade Themes

- Friendship/Citizenship
- Life Long Ago
- Basic Map Skills
- Light & Sound Waves
- Moon, Sun, & Stars
- Animal Adaptations
- Antarctica
- Australia



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1st Grade Curriculum

--Writing:

- 8 complete sentences about one topic
- Personal Narrative, Opinion, Expository
- Adjectives, Nouns, and Verbs

--Math:

- McGraw-Hill "My Math"

--Phonics:

- Harcourt "CA Excursions"
- Will pilot a new program this year

--Grammar

--Fry's Sight Words (50-150)

--Guided Reading and Math Workshops

--Technology:

- Chrome Books & IPADs:
- RAZKids www.kidsa-z.com
- Freckle www.freckle.com Class Code: **ggmbuf**



Behavior

- Positive community where kids feel safe
- Kids are respectful, responsible, safe in the classroom and use kind words
 - Kids are problem solvers
 - Logical consequences for misbehavior
- Responsive classroom approach with 2 verbal warnings and taking a break
- Quick email home regarding positive/poor behavior choices.

Behavior Clip Chart

- Everyone starts the day at “Ready to Learn”
- Students can move up during the day to “Super Student” or down to “Parent Contact”

Other Classroom Management Tools

- Music Box, Peace Rug, Ducks in a Row, Group Points, Prize Box/Free Choice Time, Praise, Stickers, etc.

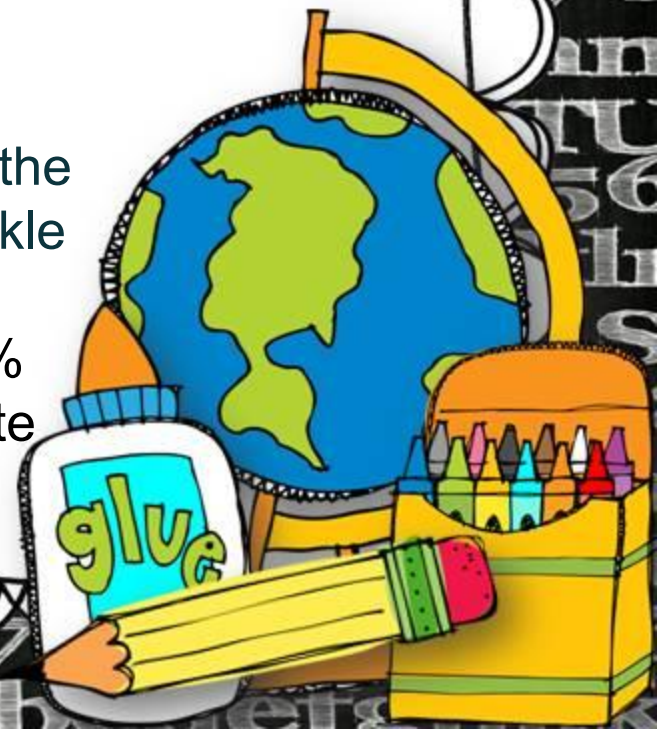
Homework & Daily Folders

- Homework is sent home every Friday and is **optional**. The **reading log is mandatory** (notebook is due every Fri).

- Homework will be a half sheet of paper with 2 optional choices for spelling, grammar and comprehension

- Math Homework pages as needed
- Optional online assignments (later in the year)...recommend RAZKids and Freckle

- Sight Words, Spelling Words and 100% Words are all posted on our class website under the **Other** Tab



Field Trips

- Each first grade class is permitted to take 4 parent chaperones per field trip. All Chaperones MUST be fingerprinted by WCS

- **This year's field trips include:**

- Sutter's Fort (Sept 25 8:45-2:00)
- On campus Light and Sound Waves with Explorit
 - Mobile Sky Dome/Planetarium (on campus)
 - On campus Amazing Animals with Explorit
- Sacramento Zoo

Details and dates will be posted on our class website as they become available and chaperone sign up opportunities will be posted on our class shutterfly site which is linked to our class website.



Field Lesson and Classroom Supplies Donations

You can help first grade by clicking on this link to go to the WCS web site to donate funds to help pay for our field lessons and classroom supplies.

[Click here](#)



Allergies

What is a Nut Caution Zone:

- All families are asked to not send any peanut products in lunches or snacks. **We have a student with an allergy to strawberries and raspberries in our class.**
- There will be a structure in place to ensure that there is limited food in classrooms and no products with any known allergens will be consumed in classrooms.
- All students with food allergies will sit at an allergy free table in the cafeteria.
- Any questions please email Mrs. Battin at ebattin@westlakecharter.com



Birthdays

- In our classroom, we will celebrate by singing to the birthday boy/girl. Students will be given a special birthday hat. Each child will receive a small gift from their teacher.
- If you would like to share a special treat, please make sure to have the same thing for all 22 students. Ideas for a special treat: pencils, stickers, erasers, books, small puzzles, small notebooks, bubbles, etc. **As a precaution, please no food items!**

Volunteer Opportunities

- I will be posting volunteer opportunities through shutterfly. They can range from providing snacks for field trips, volunteering in the classroom for reading groups, math or writing or special activities. You can access my class shutterfly by going to our class website and clicking on volunteers then the link.
- I will usually offer Take Home Projects through email or place in a volunteer bag next to the door. It is first come first serve.



Parent Handbook

- Class Rules
- Characteristics of First Graders
 - Behavior Management
 - Spelling
 - Responsibility Folders
 - Attendance
- Conferences and Report Cards
 - Parent Communication
 - Birthday Celebrations
 - Allergies
 - Student of the Week

You can find a link to Parent Handbook on our class website under **other** tab.



Questions

Please pop back in after the last session if you have questions or email me at hosterhoudt@westlakecharter.com

Thanks for coming!
Have a nice evening!

