Progress South Elementary



Mrs. AuBuchon’s First Grade InformationPacket

2015-2016

August 2015

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! First grade will be a very fun time for your child. I cannot wait to work with your eager young learner.

It is my goal to make a great impact on your first grader this year. They will not only learn academic content, but also important life lessons. We will focus on responsibility and independence. We will use words such as “self-monitor” to ensure that we are holding ourselves accountable for our own learning. I hope that throughout the year, I will help your first grader continue to develop their love for learning, and expand their curiosity.

We will have many occasions to celebrate this year. Most celebrations will include just the first graders and me, but a few special occasions will include parents, families and friends as well. I look forward to sharing your child’s successes with you!

I look forward to working with each of you. It is essential that home and school work together as a team. I appreciate all parent support. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through phone or e-mail. My information will be at the end of this letter.

Thank you,

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**P.S.E. CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015-2016**

 **(Dates subject to change)**

**August**

 5-6 Teacher Work Days

 6 Supply Drop-Off, Gr. 1-5, 1:00-4:00 pm

 7 Kindergarten Orientation, 8:20-10:20 am

 12 **First Day of School**

 24 5th Gr. Parent Curriculum Night, 6:00 – 8:00

 25 2nd Gr. Parent Curriculum Night, 6:00 – 7:00

25 4th Gr. Parent Curriculum Night, 7:00 – 8:00

 26 1st Gr. Parent Curriculum Night, 6:00 – 7:00

 26 3rd Gr. Parent Curriculum Night, 7:00 – 8:00

**September**

1 PTO School Picnic Night

3 **Early Release, 12:50 pm**

7 Labor Day/**NO SCHOOL**

- PTO Mini-Golf Night, 5:30 pm – *to be decided*

10 *Mid-point 1st Quarter*

11-28 PTO Fall Fundraiser

20-24 5th Grade Camp

**October**

1 **Early Release, 12:50 pm**

8 *End of 1st Quarter*

8Picture Day

9 Records Day/**NO SCHOOL**

 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00 pm

 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 10:00-8:00

 **NO SCHOOL for Students**

15-16 Fall Break/**NO SCHOOL**

22 Fall Fundraiser pickup *after school*

23 Grades 3-5 Fall Parties, 1:45 – 2:50 pm

26-30 Red Ribbon Week

30 Grades K-2 Fall Parties, 1:45-2:50 pm

30 PTO’s Monster Mash, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

**November**

 5 **Early Release, 12:50 pm**

5 PTO Movie Night, 7:00 pm

 6 Professional Development/**NO SCHOOL**

7 PTO Fall Scrapbooking Day

 11 Veteran’s Day Assembly/Dress for Respect

 13 *Mid-point 2nd Quarter*

 25-27 Thanksgiving Break/**NO SCHOOL**

**December**

 3 **Early Release, 12:50 pm**

3 1st Gr. Musical, 7:00 pm, SHS

4 PTO Pancakes with Santa

 17 *End of 2nd Quarter*

17Kinder. & Gr. 3-5 Winter Party, 1:45-2:50

 18-Jan. 4 Winter Break/**NO SCHOOL**

**January**

 4 Records Day/**NO SCHOOL**

5 Classes resume

 14 **Early Release, 12:50 pm**

18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/**NO SCHOOL**

28 After school Book sales (28, 29, 01)

28 STEM Night, Gr. 3-5, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

**February**

2 Book Fair Night, 4:00 – 8:00 pm

3 *Mid-point 3rd Quarter*

5-22 PTO Raffle Ticket Sales

 11 **Early Release, 12:50 pm**

12 Grades 1 & 2 Winter Parties, 1:45-2:50

 15 Presidents’ Day/**NO SCHOOL**

- PTO Adult Trivia Night – *to be decided*

 23 PTO Family Trivia & Literacy Night

**March**

 2 Imagination Theater

4 *End of 3rd Quarter*

5PTO Spring Scrapbooking Day

8 5th Gr. Musical, 7:00 pm, SHS

10 **Early Release, 12:50 pm**

 15 PTO Basketball Shootout

 21-28 Spring Break/**NO SCHOOL**

 29 Classes resume

**April**

 9 Fun Run #11

14 **Early Release, 12:50 pm**

15 *Mid-point 4th Quarter*

19 4th & 5th Gr. Choir Performance, 7:00, SHS

21 5th Gr. DARE Graduation, 7:00. SHS

 26 PTO Elementary Expressions Art Expo

**May**

 5 Memories with Mom (Gr. 2)

 5 **Early Release, 12:50 pm**

16 PSE 5th Grade Award Ceremony, 8:45am PSE

17 Leap Day (2nd to last day of school)

 18 **Last Day of Classes/Parade** (if no snow)

 19 Record’s Day for Staff

 30 Memorial Day/**NO SCHOOL**

Grades

Students are evaluated on the following scale.

3 – Proficient (Child applies the skills correctly, consistently, and

independently)

2 – Developing (Child shows some understanding.

Misunderstandings still occur.)

1. - Beginning (Child shows little understanding of the concept or

skill. Teacher assistance is needed to complete the task or promote understanding.)

G – Guided instruction and practice is ongoing, but not yet assessed.

\* - Modified

X – See Narrative

Throughout the year I will keep records on your child in the following forms:

* Anecdotal Notes
* Running Records
* Checklists
* Conferences
* Computation Sheets (math)

I will communicate your child’s progress throughout the year through progress reports, notes home and phone calls.

Communication

Communication is crucial for your child’s success. I will communicate in the following ways:

* Daily Folder (please look at and empty nightly)
* Weekly Updates to the Class Website ([www.mrsaubuchonsfirstgradefriends.weebly.com](http://www.mrsaubuchonsfirstgradefriends.weebly.com))
* Phone calls
* Progress Reports
* Report Cards
* Conferences

Forms

There are several forms that need to be completed at the beginning of the school year. Please be sure to complete and return each of the forms.

Classroom Conduct

It is my goal to have a safe environment for all of my students in my classroom. I want to ensure that all students will feel physically and emotionally comfortable. We will have an environment that is respectful, and we will focus on the following expectations:

* Respect Self
* Respect Others
* Respect Learning

Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) is a philosophy that has been adopted by the Progress South Community. The foundation of the philosophy is, “children do well if they can.” This philosophy helps build skills by talking through unsolved problems. In CPS, the student and adult work together to come up with a solution that makes both parties happy. We will have frequent class meetings to discuss unsolved problems as well as celebrations.

At least once a week we will hold a “compliment circle”. This compliment circle will take place at the end of the day and we will share stories about other people in our class making us feel good, or “filling up our buckets”.

Homework

The purpose of homework is to practice skills already taught in the classroom. Homework will be given on Mondays, and will be due on the following Friday morning (or the last day of the school week).

It is important for your child to receive help when completing their homework each week. Please monitor their level of understanding of the content. If at any time the homework causes frustration or confusion, please write a note on it and send it back to school the following day. Homework is not meant to cause additional stress. I will go over it with your first grader and try to resolve the issue.

The weekly homework will consist of a checklist. Please work to make homework a part of your daily routine!

Word Study\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your child will work on a list of 5-6 words each week. The list of words will follow a pattern. There will be several activities completed in class to insure all students master the words. On Fridays or the last day of the week, we will take a test on these 5-6 words plus an extra 4-5 words that follow the same pattern as well as a dictated sentence. I will keep in contact with you about your child’s progress.

School Subjects\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

There is a lot to learn in first grade. A typical day for us will consist of Reader’s Workshop, Writer’s Workshop, Math and Science/Social studies.

Reader’s Workshop will be our reading time. This time of day will consist of mini-lessons and small group instruction. During this time I will differentiate my instruction to meet the needs of each child.

Writer’s Workshop is our writing time for the day. During this time your child will learn how to be a real author. Be prepared, we might just invite you to one of our writing celebrations.

Tardies/Absences

If your first grader will be arriving after 8:20am, please sign him/her into the front office before they come to the classroom. You may call the office to let them know at 636-272-2721.

Birthday Fun

Birthday celebrations are welcomed in Room 11! Please let me know a few days in advance so that I can plan it into our day. Per new policy, food treats are no longer allowed.

If you need an idea for something to send in, please let me know. I’m more than happy to help.

Lunch

Progress South utilizes a computerized lunch system. Parents may send a check in an envelope with the child’s name, teacher’s name (AuBuchon) and amount enclosed. You may also credit the account online. You will be notified when the balance gets low, and if you have a negative balance.

You are welcome to join your child for lunch! Please call the office before 9:00am with your lunch selection if you are buying with your child.

Recess

We have two recesses each day. All students are required to go outside (weather permitting) unless they have a written excuse. Please be sure your first grader dresses appropriately for the weather!

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed according to the information on file. If there are any changes (permanent or temporary) please send a note or call the school office! I will not be able to send your child home a different way unless a permitted adult makes the change.

Book Orders

You will frequently see Scholastic Catalogs in your first grader’s Daily Folder. You can order by mail or online. If you are paying by check, please send it and the order in with your first grader so I can send it in soon after. I encourage you to make your order online. We receive free books for our classroom when you do!

Parent Volunteers

All parent volunteers and party helpers must fill out a Volunteer Request Form and receive a background check. If you are interested, I can get you a form.

 Class Parties

I appreciate all of the work that goes into planning a class party. Both fall and winter parties will be parent planned and led, but the spring party will only be teachers and students. Looking forward to working with volunteers on these parties!

First Grade Musical\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your child will be performing in a musical this spring. The title is to be determined. The performance is to be held on December 3 at 7:00 pm at SHS.