

The 1st Report Classroom Handbook

FOR THE PARENTS OF _____



LUSHER CHARTER SCHOOL

2017-2018

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First Grade

CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY THROUGH HIGH
ACADEMICS AND THE ARTS

An Ashoka Change Maker School

Morning Meeting

The school day begins with Morning Meeting at 8:15am and ends with dismissal at 3:15pm. Students are not allowed on campus until after 8:00am. Attendance is taken at Morning Meeting. Students who arrive after 8:15 are marked late. Students may only enter through the Willow street gates after 8:15am. Students who arrive after Morning Meeting must report to the office to get a tardy slip before reporting to class.

There will be no Morning Meetings on Wednesdays. Wednesdays please send your child straight to class for our “Caring Counts” meetings. Students will be marked tardy at 8:20 on Wednesdays.

There will be no Morning Meeting on rainy or extremely cold days. Students should report directly to their homeroom at 8:00am. Students arriving after 8:40am during inclement weather should report to the office for a tardy slip or they will be marked absent.

Dismissal

Dismissal time is at 3:15pm. Students need to be signed out in the office if checking out before dismissal time. 1st grade students are dismissed from the Lowerline Street gate outside the first grade classrooms. Parents who are walking, should not go to the classroom at the end of the day, but should wait at the gate by their child’s dismissal location. Students who have not been picked up by 3:30pm will be placed under the supervision of Lagniappe childcare staff, and you will be billed a \$13.00 drop-in fee.

On rainy days, 1st grade students are dismissed from the first Lowerline Street gate **outside the first grade classrooms.**

Behavior

We no longer assign behavior grades. You will receive an end of the quarter report on your child’s kindness, respectfulness, and life skills. You will receive weekly behavior observations every Wednesday. Our discipline is aligned with Love and Logic and other conscious discipline practices. This will include responses such as delayed and logical consequences, reflection, and restorative practice.

Homework

Students have homework four nights a week.

If your child cannot complete the night’s homework, please send a note excusing him or her and I will return the homework in the folder to be done the next night. If your child has no homework and no note, your child will have to make up the missed homework. Lack of homework will be reflected in the Life Skills report.

Project Pride Paws

Lusher Charter School is dedicated to developing a community that provides all students with a supportive environment in which to grow and flourish. To meet this end, all Lusher students are expected to adhere to the four basic principles of conduct we embrace as Project Pride.

Be Kind

Respect people and property

Be Responsible

Do Your Best Work

Project Pride Paws is the school wide reward system. Students receive stickers called Project Pride Paws when a student is noticed for exhibiting behavior that follows the project pride rules. These stickers give students the opportunity to receive additional recognition.

Team Points

Students also have the opportunity to earn team points. If your child's team earns the most points, they earn a choice from our behavior rewards book at the end of the week.

Mystery Chips

Each day I pick 4 chips out of a bag in the morning and 4 more chips in the afternoon. Only I know whose chips have been pulled. At the end of the morning, if all of the children whose chips I pulled have exhibited appropriate behavior then their names are entered into a drawing to be pulled for a reward from the behavior reward book. In the afternoon, the four names that were picked also have the opportunity to be entered into the drawing, if they have exhibited appropriate behavior. In order to promote intrinsic good behavior students are not aware of whose chip has been pulled.

Rewards

END OF THE QUARTER CELEBRATION

At the end of each quarter we have a celebration. It is a celebration of good work and good behavior.

BEHAVIOR REWARD CATALOG

The reward catalog is a book of choices for students to choose from.

Class Work

Tests and certain work done in class will be sent home every Wednesday. The work must be reviewed, signed and sent back by Friday.

Sharing

Sharing is a favorite activity and an excellent opportunity for children to speak in front of the class, develop listening skills, and learn about interesting things. Throughout the school year, there will be various opportunities for your child to share. Please help select an appropriate item for your child to share based on the topic being discussed. Information will go home in advance when students have to present information.

Lunch/Snack

Lunch for 1st grade is at 11:15 am, so we do allow time for snack. Snack time starts between 2:20 and 2:25 pm. I encourage you to send a snack or two (especially if your child goes to aftercare) and something cool to drink during the hot days.

Sending Money to School

Please send money to school in a sealed envelope with the student's full name and purpose of the payment. Please do not combine payments for different purposes. Please send separate checks and/or cash amounts in separate envelopes.

CASH is not accepted for Lusher Lagniappe.

Medicine at School

Students are NOT allowed to keep any medication (over the counter or prescription) in their possession. Students are NOT allowed to bring any form of bug spray or any aerosol cans to school.

If your child needs to take medicine at school on a regular basis, you must complete the required paperwork in advance.

If your child has a short-term illness, you should keep your child at home or plan to come to school to administer the necessary medication to your child.

Birthday Parties

Please let me know in advance if you would like to have a class party for your child because we have students with allergies. I can make arrangements for those students to participate in our treat. Cupcakes and cookies are allowed for classroom birthday parties. Cakes are not allowed. Class parties are held at the end of the day.

If you would like to invite students to your child's birthday party away from school and would like me to give out the invitation, you must have an invitation for each child.

If you do not wish to invite everyone in your child's class, then you can mail the invitations to class members.

Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring toys or jewelry to school, unless requested by the teacher.

Communication

Check your child's homework folder on a daily basis for communications from school.

The 1st REPORT NEWSLETTER

The classroom newsletter, The 1st Report, is emailed every Monday or the first day of the school week. Please make sure to read this newsletter. The newsletter gives updates on the materials covered in class and highlights important classroom and school events.

LUSHER LETTER

Our school newsletter, The Lusher Letter, is sent home every Friday via email. Please check your email on Friday to read the Lusher letter. The letter will inform you of upcoming events, school announcements and much more.

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email, if you have concerns or questions. Please make every effort to attend progress report conferences to discuss your child's academic performance.

CLASS WEBSITE

Please visit my class website at

<http://mrsroussellsbigtopbunch.weebly.com>

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