

# First Grade Orientation

## Mrs. Christy Adams



### 1. Schedule

- Please come to school no earlier than 8:45.
- 8:55 Entry bell
- 9:00 Tardy bell
- 10:50-11:40 Lunch/Recess
- 3:10 Line up for bus bell
- 3:15 Dismissal bell

### 2. Supplies

- Please label your child's supplies---including jackets, hats, umbrellas, etc.

### 3. Gym Shoes

- Your child needs to have a pair of gym shoes every day of the week we have gym class.

### 4. Toys

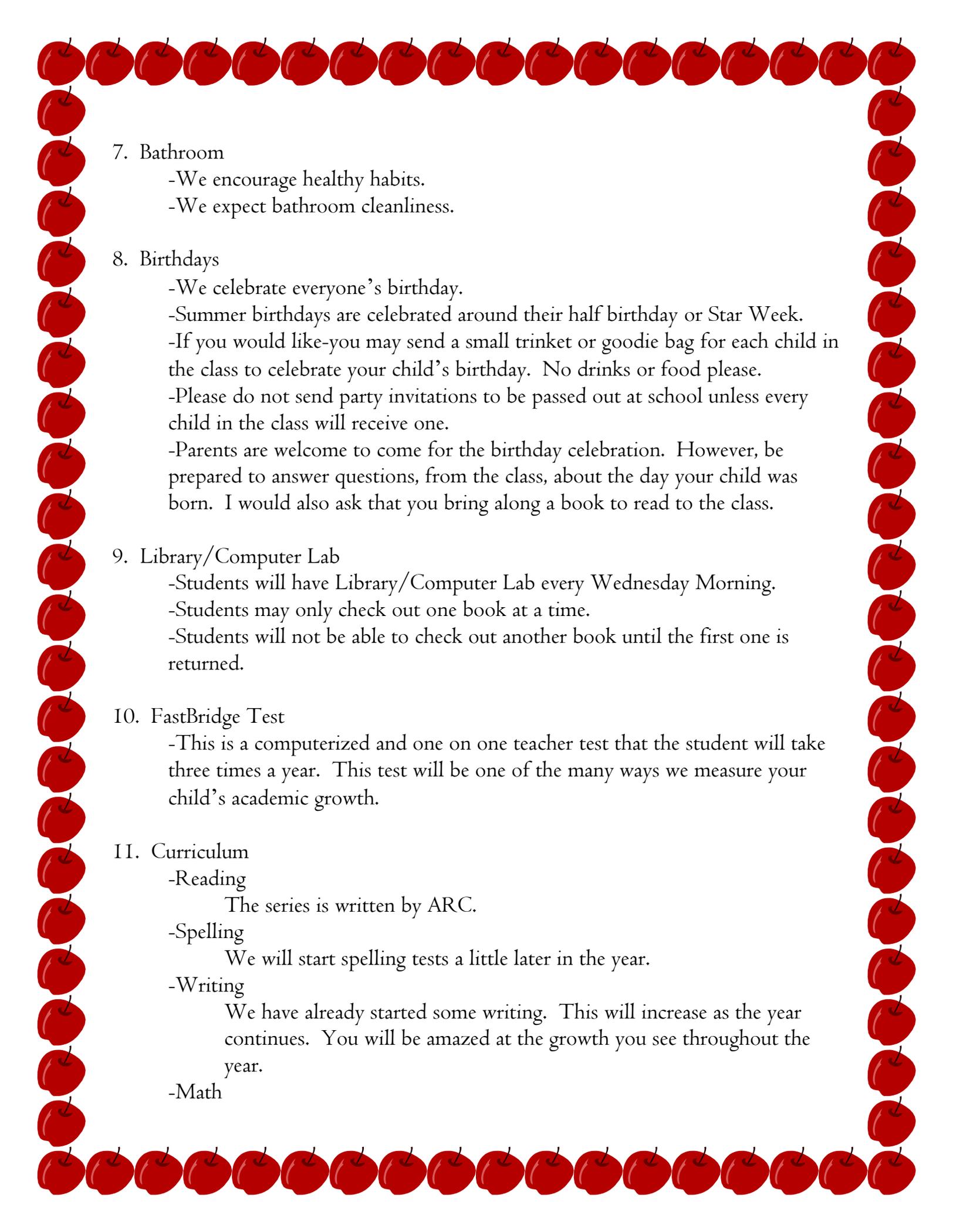
- Please do not let your child bring little toys, cars, or action figures to school unless they are the Star Of The Week. These things can become a big distraction.

### 5. Asthma or Allergies

- Please let me know if your child has either of these.

### 6. Illness

- Children come to school with minor colds all the time. However, please do not send your child to school if he or she has a fever (your child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school), a rash, persistent cough, diarrhea, or vomiting. We will also talk about COVID protocol.



7. Bathroom

- We encourage healthy habits.
- We expect bathroom cleanliness.

8. Birthdays

- We celebrate everyone's birthday.
- Summer birthdays are celebrated around their half birthday or Star Week.
- If you would like-you may send a small trinket or goodie bag for each child in the class to celebrate your child's birthday. No drinks or food please.
- Please do not send party invitations to be passed out at school unless every child in the class will receive one.
- Parents are welcome to come for the birthday celebration. However, be prepared to answer questions, from the class, about the day your child was born. I would also ask that you bring along a book to read to the class.

9. Library/Computer Lab

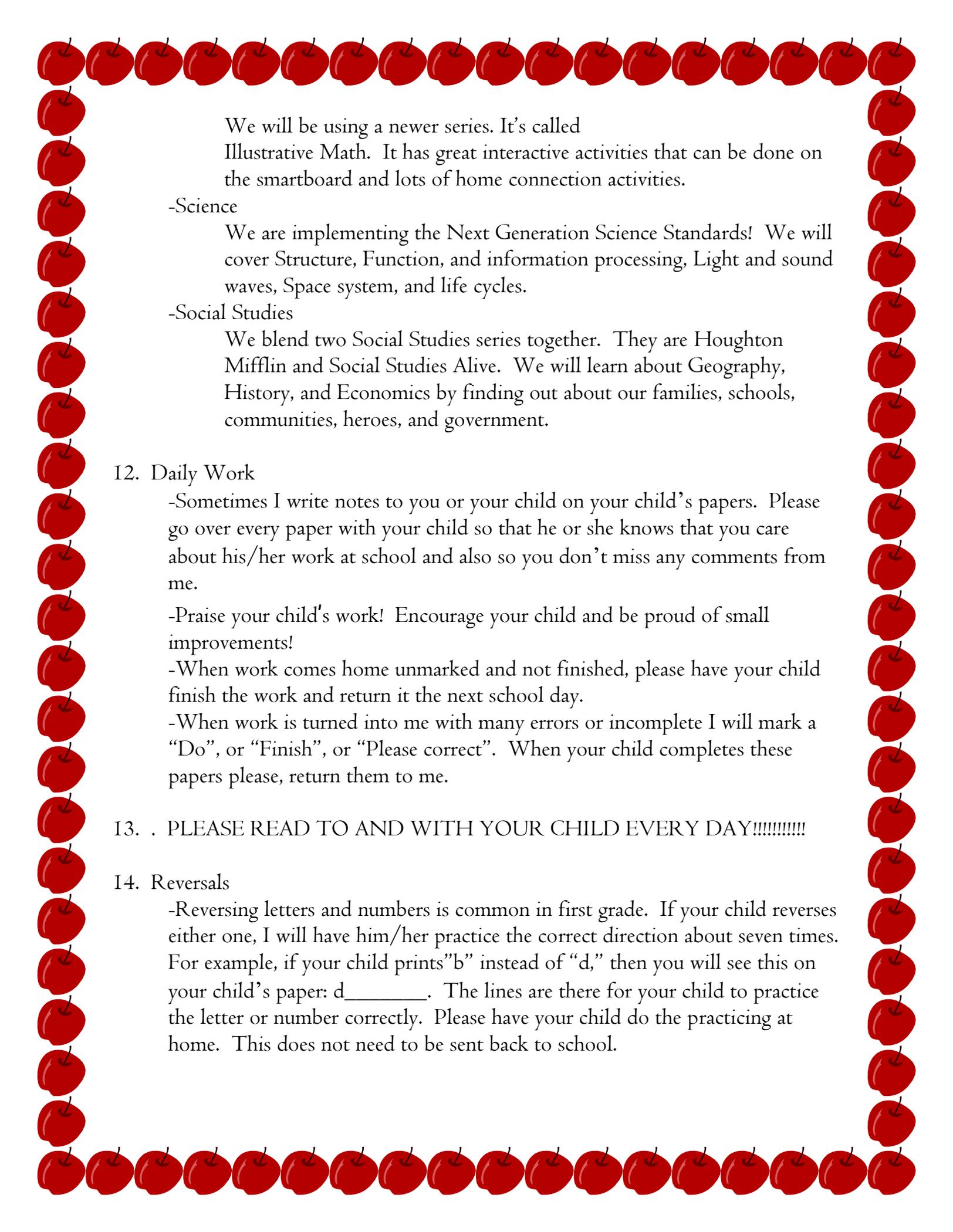
- Students will have Library/Computer Lab every Wednesday Morning.
- Students may only check out one book at a time.
- Students will not be able to check out another book until the first one is returned.

10. FastBridge Test

- This is a computerized and one on one teacher test that the student will take three times a year. This test will be one of the many ways we measure your child's academic growth.

11. Curriculum

- Reading  
The series is written by ARC.
- Spelling  
We will start spelling tests a little later in the year.
- Writing  
We have already started some writing. This will increase as the year continues. You will be amazed at the growth you see throughout the year.
- Math



We will be using a newer series. It's called Illustrative Math. It has great interactive activities that can be done on the smartboard and lots of home connection activities.

-Science

We are implementing the Next Generation Science Standards! We will cover Structure, Function, and information processing, Light and sound waves, Space system, and life cycles.

-Social Studies

We blend two Social Studies series together. They are Houghton Mifflin and Social Studies Alive. We will learn about Geography, History, and Economics by finding out about our families, schools, communities, heroes, and government.

12. Daily Work

-Sometimes I write notes to you or your child on your child's papers. Please go over every paper with your child so that he or she knows that you care about his/her work at school and also so you don't miss any comments from me.

-Praise your child's work! Encourage your child and be proud of small improvements!

-When work comes home unmarked and not finished, please have your child finish the work and return it the next school day.

-When work is turned into me with many errors or incomplete I will mark a "Do", or "Finish", or "Please correct". When your child completes these papers please, return them to me.

13. . PLEASE READ TO AND WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!

14. Reversals

-Reversing letters and numbers is common in first grade. If your child reverses either one, I will have him/her practice the correct direction about seven times. For example, if your child prints "b" instead of "d," then you will see this on your child's paper: d\_\_\_\_\_. The lines are there for your child to practice the letter or number correctly. Please have your child do the practicing at home. This does not need to be sent back to school.

15. Rest

-First grade is a big adjustment for many of your children. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, a nutritious diet, and a consistent schedule. You may hear a lot of complaints of being tired, or that school is too long, or there is too much work. Believe me. This is normal!

-Try not to over schedule your child with after school activities. Your child continues to need time every day for play!

16. Flash Cards and Educational Aids

-I will send home flash cards, riddles, songs, etc. on occasion. Please keep these so that you can practice them with your child. Try to find a special spot for your child to keep them so that pets and little brothers and sisters can't reach them.

17. Conferences

-Please sign up on Sign Up Genius—it will be sent to your email soon!

Together we are going to give your child a wonderful year! In addition to academic growth, we will be working to build self-esteem in a caring environment. In class we will be doing activities to help promote responsibility for self, respect, and kindness for others!

If at any time this year you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to give me a call. I will be more than happy to set up a time to meet with you!

Sincerely,

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