



1st grade Syllabus

Weatherford Campus

Mrs. Penner

Dear Parents,

I am overjoyed to have the opportunity to teach your amazing children and I am so grateful you chose Western Oklahoma Christian School! I know how important your child's education is and do not take that or the faith you have put into our teachers and school lightly. I want you to know that I will do my very best to prepare them for the second grade but more importantly to love the Lord!

I would like to tell you a little about myself. I graduated SWOSU in 2003 with my bachelor's degree and have taught in Oklahoma City Public Schools, Guthrie Public Schools, and WOCS. I will tell you; I did not love teaching public school, but when I taught at WOCS it was the best experience! I taught at WOCS when my son was in 5th grade, and I never would have left but life happened! I am so grateful to be back!

I was married to my wonderful husband, Brady Penner, for 19 and a half years before he passed away and we have two awesome children, Lachlan and Isla.

Lachlan is 16 and is in the 11th grade at CBA and Isla is 7 and is in the 2nd grade at WOCS.

I am so excited for the school year and hope your students are as well! If you have any questions or concerns contact me through the GroupMe app, school phone (580) 774-8159 or email: wfirstgrade@wocs.org.

Communication

This year all the WOCS classes will be using GroupMe for parent communication. You should have received an invitation from me. If you did not receive an invitation, please let me know and I will resend one. If you haven't signed up or are having trouble, please let me know.



Another form of communication we use is the blue Tuesday folders. It is imperative that parents read all information in the folders carefully and mark their calendars for upcoming school events. Your child's checked class work will come home in their red folder. I will save tests and send them in the blue Tuesday folder.

Also, on Mondays you will receive a class note and Mrs. Miller's note. I will put information about the week in this email. I will also put our Bible, date reminders, and spelling lists.

Homework

Students need to study their weekly Bible verse and spelling words. Though we work on them at school, it is important to also work on them at home.

Your child will have weekly reading homework on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays that will be part of their reading grade also. This will start the second full week of school. Any work not finished in class will be sent home in their yellow folder to be completed at home



Grades

Students are given a grade on tests only, which will be updated weekly in FACTS. Their graded papers will go home in their red folders and tests in the blue Tuesday folders. You always have access to their grades by logging into FACTS.

Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. There are two scheduled times for Parent-Teacher conferences during the school year. These times are at the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters. However, a conference may be scheduled by a parent or teacher at any time. Please feel free to call and schedule a conference if needed.

Water Bottles

Please bring a water bottle with you daily. We will not be using the water fountains, but we have a water bottle refill station. I will have them take the bottles home every day.

Snacks

The students will have a snack daily. I have decided it would be easier to do bulk snacks. What I mean is, BIG boxes of like granola bars or BIG boxes of individual bags or big box of crackers, applesauce pouches, fruit cups, box of gogurt, bulk yogurt covered raisins etc....this way we have the snacks already in the room and I

won't stress because I forgot to send home the snack basket and you won't stress because you forgot until the morning drive to school! We have access to a refrigerator and freezer, if needed. Please try to send healthy-ish snacks; we will save the sweets for parties and birthday celebrations.



Field Trips

We will be taking four class field trips this year, approximately one per nine weeks. I would love for you to attend the fieldtrips with us. In order to transport your child's friends, you must be an approved driver (have your driver's license and insurance information on file).

Please carefully read all correspondence provided in the Tuesday folders, this is where you will find information regarding our upcoming field trips.

Classroom Parties

First graders love to celebrate! Please feel free to bring treats to share with the class on your child's birthday. If your child has a summer birthday, they can celebrate in May, or we can set up a ½ birthday! (like if their birthday is July 5th we could celebrate Dec. 5th)

We will have 3 scheduled parties this year. You will receive more information about these parties as we get closer to the dates. We would love your help celebrating , however we are limiting the amount of people that can come so please, only the parents that have signed up for the party may attend.

Classroom Management Plan

All students are expected to obey and exhibit appropriate behavior in the classroom. If a student is misbehaving, I like to use positive reinforcement first. For example, if one student is playing in line, I will say, "I love how Jill and Bob are quietly standing in line."



Normally, the misbehaving student will follow the example of those that were praised.

If a student has been warned and continues to misbehave, they will lose recess minutes. If they continue they will see Mrs.C. If negative behavior continues, I will talk to parents/guardians.

I am also using a class reward system. When I get a good report from one of the specials teachers, substitute teacher or the class, as a whole, has done well working together to follow directions, they will earn a "warm fuzzy". When they have a jar full of "warm fuzzies" they will receive a doughnut party for snack or pizza party for lunch or whatever we have decided on as a class.

Covid/Illness

We are going to do our very best to keep the students safe and healthy here at WOCS. In order to do that we need your help. If your child feels sick, has been exposed to covid or has a fever, please keep them at home.

