



Dear parents,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited that we will be seeing the children in person at the start of the year. We look forward to getting to know each child. They will be very busy adjusting to new routines, a new teacher, and a new area of our school. We are confident that they will do an awesome job! ☺

Your child will have 3 folders in his or her desk. Your child will use the folder provided by the school as a “Take Home” folder. This folder will go back and forth between home and school daily. Homework will be put in this folder to be brought back completed the following day. Notes from the office or from us, and work that has been completed and graded will come home in this folder. Please check your child’s folder every night. If you need to send any notes to one of us or the office, put them in your child’s “Take Home” folder to bring back to school. We ask the children to check for notes etc. from parents and turn them in to us at the beginning of the day. This folder serves as daily communication between home and school. Their yellow folder will be used to organize papers in school. Their purple folder will be used for any Spanish papers that they work on with Señora Cihlar.

Please remember to send a snack to school with your child daily. ☺ We will have snack time in the morning. **We do have students with nut allergies. Please do not send foods containing nuts to school with your child for snack.** If you would like your child to drink water, they can bring a water bottle. They will not be allowed to drink from the water fountain. We do ask that the water bottle must be one that closes tightly and be kept in their backpack or on the shelf above their hook. This will minimize spills, and keep books, folders, etc. in their desk from getting wet and ruined. **No juice boxes or juice pouches for snack please.** . Please remember, as per the Appleton School District policy, please do not send treats to school for birthdays or any other occasions. Thank you for adhering to the classroom and district rules for keeping all children healthy and safe.



Mrs. Osorio and Mrs. DeGoey



September News

What are we going to learn about this month in first grade? In **Literature** this month, we will discuss four sayings and phrases: *An apple a day keeps the doctor away*, *The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*, *Wolf in sheep's clothing* and *Sour grapes*. We will be reading several of Aesop's Fables. We will focus on understanding the moral of each fable as well as naming the setting, characters, and plot of each. Our poetry this month will be *Rope Rhyme* and *The Swing*.

This month in **Geography** we will be reviewing the continents and oceans. We will also learn map skills including hemispheres and poles, cardinal directions and the compass rose. We will identify the three largest countries in North America and the continent, country, state, and city in which we live.

Science lessons will focus on the human body. We will learn the fundamental parts and functions of five body systems: skeletal, muscular, digestive, circulatory and nervous. We will also learn keys to staying healthy—eat well, exercise, sleep, keep clean, have checkups and get vaccinations. Two scientists will be introduced to us, Edward Jenner and Louis Pasteur along with their discoveries which aided in the cure of diseases.

Along with the Core Knowledge and Direct Instruction subjects taught to your child last year, he/she will also have **Spelling** and **Grammar**. We will be sending home a spelling note which will be attached to the words and sentences that your child will learn this year. We will send Grammar notes home periodically that will guide you in helping to reinforce the Grammar concepts that will be learned in school.

For **Math**, Mrs. Osorio teaches Saxon 1 and Mrs. DeGoey teaches Saxon 2. We will be sending a math letter home with our math students. There is a lot of review built into the first several weeks. Homework should be fairly quick and easy to complete.

Your child will continue where they left off in **Reading** as well. Mrs. DeGoey's reading class will complete Horizons level B. Mrs. Osorio's reading class will complete Reading Mastery 2. A note about reading will be sent home also.

¡Hola! Welcome to a new school year at Classical School! I am honored to have the opportunity to teach Spanish to your child(ren) this year. During the month of September, we will be reviewing concepts from last year. Here is a link to more specific words/phrases you can review at home with your child(ren): <https://goo.gl/LEu8WF>
~Sra. Cihlar

