

School Time

School begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Please have your child at school on time. Students entering the room after 8:10 a.m. will be counted tardy. If your child arrives at school before 8:00 a.m. he/she will need to go to the morning care provided in the cafeteria. The teacher will pick up the students in morning care and then proceed to the classroom by 8:00 a.m. Please do not enter the classroom until the teacher arrives!

Pick Up Time

If your child leaves at 3:00 p.m., you may pick him/her up in car line. Please refer to the map for the correct pick-up procedure. You must place the provided identification sign in your front windshield. Please let me know if additional signs are needed. All students left at school after 3:15 p.m., will be checked in to daycare.

Attendance

Students may miss no more than 20 days of school for any reason. Tardies and early checkouts convert to absences after 3 of either one. If you bring your child to school after 8:20 a.m. please go to the elementary office to sign him/her in before proceeding to the classroom.

Grades

Grades are based on points NOT percentages. We use the straight point system, which means we count the number of points possible, subtract the number missed, and write it as a fraction on the graded paper.

Grading Scale - We use the following grading scale for academic classes:

A+ = 99 - 100	B+ = 91- 92	C+ = 83 - 84	D+ = 75 -76	F = 0 - 69
A = 95 - 98	B = 87 - 90	C = 79 - 82	D = 72 - 74	
A- = 93 - 94	B- = 85 - 86	C- = 77 - 78	D- = 70 - 71	

We use the following the following grading scale for S, N, and U classes:

S+ = 95 - 100	N + = 80 - 84	U = 69 and below
S = 90 - 94	N = 75 - 79	
S- = 85 - 89	N- = 70 - 74	

Help Class - Help class is offered on Monday's for phonics and language and Tuesday's for math. Each begins at 3:15 and last for 30 minutes. It is required for students who are making D's or F's.

Homework - Homework may be given every day but Wednesday. Homework has a two point responsibility grade when turned in on time. Anything turned in late (except for excused absences) receives zero points.

This homework is meant to reinforce what your child is learning in the classroom. Homework for the week will be posted on the class website.

AR Reading - AR reading is required weekly. This is beyond the regularly assigned homework. AR book tests will be part of weekly comprehension grades.

Daily Behavior

The students' behavior will be recorded and sent home on a daily basis. Please initial and return the report each day. Colors will represent the students' behavior for the day:

- Yellow—Fantastic! We had a great day!
- Green—Lose 5 minutes of recess
- Blue—Lose 10 minutes of recess
- Red—Lose 15 minutes of recess and write essay while missing elective (music, PE, art, etc.) time for one day
- Black—Lose all of recess and write essay while missing elective (music, PE, art, etc.) time for one day (This is a merit loss.)

We use the following grading scale for the merit system:

100	Yellow
94	Green
84	Blue
79	Red
69	Black
50	Double Black

Folders

Your child's folder (DOGS folder) will be sent home every day. In it you will find his/her behavior record and other important information, including homework. Please initial in the appropriate blank to communicate with me that you have seen your child's folder. Folders must be returned to school every morning. *Students must pull a card if his/her folder is not signed.*

Communication

Please feel free to place notes for me in your child's DOGS folder. You may also communicate with me by e-mailing me at brulapaugh@wilmingtonchristian.com or by calling the school (910)791-4248 and leaving a message at extension #317.

Weekly Newsletter

Please check our class web page every week for new announcements, information about what we are learning, homework assignments for the week, and pictures from the week's activities. To access our web page, go to: www.wilmingtonchristian.com/brulapaugh

Snack Time

We will not have a snack in first grade! Our regular lunch time will be earlier in the day than it was in kindergarten.

Lunch

If your child will be ordering lunch from the cafeteria, please place money on his/her account. Please tell your child each day whether they are ordering or whether they brought their lunch. First grade students may not order a-la-carte items. When packing your child's lunch, please keep in mind that we are not able to warm up meals. Students are also not allowed to drink carbonated beverages at school or to have excessive desserts for snack time or lunch.



Morning Routine

We will be working hard to establish the morning routine during the first few weeks of school. The best way to help me make this easy is to quickly hug and say goodbye to your child and let him/her complete the routine himself. I will walk the students through the routine at first:

- Put DOGS folder in basket
- Order lunch
- Put all personal belongings away (tote bag, lunch, coat, etc.)
- Start on morning work
- Each student should be in his/her seat ready for class to start when the bell rings at 8:10 a.m.

Reminders for Students Staying for Daycare

- There is NO NAP TIME!
- Bring an afternoon snack

Miscellaneous Reminders

- A change to the materials list for our class only: Your child does NOT have to have a plastic pencil box with snap-shut lid. Those are fine, but zipper pouches are also acceptable. Pencils do not have to be Ticonderoga brand. Yellow #2 pencils are just fine. Please send stick glue, *not* runny Elmer's glue.
- Students must have a tote bag (It does not have to be from Custom Logoware, but no backpacks are allowed.).
- No toys are allowed at school unless specified by the teacher. All toys brought to school without permission will be confiscated.
- Please bring all of your child's labeled school supplies TOMORROW to the Open House.
- Label just about EVERYTHING that comes to school with your child (Yes, even PE shoes! You do not have to label items like tissues, pencils...you get the gist! 😊).

Fun Stuff for the Classroom

Every year I am asked by parents what I need for the classroom. Here are some things we will use. Please do not feel obligated to get *anything!* This is just for those who want to know. 😊

- Items for the treasure box: individually wrapped stickers, toys, balls, etc.
- Ziploc bags—sandwich and gallon size
- Cotton balls
- Glue sticks
- Googlie-eye craft eyeballs
- Cheese-Its
- Gummy Bears
- Heavy-duty electric pencil sharpener
- HP 27 and 28 printer ink
- Scanner/printer combo