

# Independence Christian School

## Guide to First Grade

2016-2017

Ms. Lancaster

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you and your child to the first grade. It seems that at this time of year, excitement runs high for the start of a new school year. I, too, am excited because I believe that, with the Lord's help and yours, many things will be accomplished in the growth of your child.

It is my responsibility to provide the best possible learning atmosphere in the classroom, as well as a balance of Christian love and discipline for your child. Your responsibility lies in 3 areas:

1. To see that your child's physical needs are met – proper nutrition, plenty of sleep etc.
2. To see that your child is prepared each day with the necessary tools for school – completed homework etc.
3. To take an active part in your child's education – listen to and read with your child, give extra help when needed etc.

I hope you, too, are looking forward to a great year. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Thank you,

Carol Lancaster

# Grading



Your child will be required to complete certain work toward earning a grade in each subject.

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## Graded subjects are listed below:

Math    Reading    Phonics    Spelling    Writing

## Non-Graded Subjects:

Bible    Conduct/Safety    History    Science

Language    Music

# Homework

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Reading    -    Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Spelling    -    Due on Wednesday and Friday – Test days...also Wednesday and Friday

Homework Policy    Homework is due on the designated date. Only three missing homework assignments will be permitted per quarter per subject without affecting the quarter grade.



# Behavior Program

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## A. Classroom rules

Follow directions

Stay in seat

Raise hand to talk

Complete assignments

Keep hand, feet, and objects to self

Respect others

## B. Consequences:

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	Warning
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	10 minutes time out
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	20 minutes time out
4 <sup>th</sup> offense	Letter to parents
5 <sup>th</sup> offense	Go to office
Severe behavior	Go to office

# Classroom / Individual Rewards

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When your child follows the classroom rules,  
he/she will be rewarded.

Extra free time

Excused from some work-upon teacher approval

Passes to the restroom and water fountain

Excused from homework

# School Supplies

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\$100.00 class fee (for supplies & fieldtrips)

Zippered backpack (**no suitcase style with rollers**)

New International Version Old & New Testament Bible

Art shirt

## Birthdays



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Students are permitted to bring cupcakes, doughnuts, cookies or other individually prepared treats for the class. Drinks are permitted as long as they are individually wrapped, such as juice boxes. Please NO cakes or jugs of juice for birthdays.

Students are NOT permitted to pass out invitations to birthday parties in class unless invitations are to be given to the entire class, or invitations are given to all of the girls or all of the boys.

Please be sensitive to the feelings of other students.

## Parent Help



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All parents wishing to attend field trips or help in the classroom must sign and return a Volunteer Application Form and be approved by the principal. Any helpers in the classroom will be designated by the teacher, based on the needs of the class. These needs will be determined by the teacher.

# Fieldtrips

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Anaheim Public Library (January )

Independence Hall (February)

Santa Ana Zoo (April)

Corona del Mar-Tide Pools (May)

Roller Skating Party (last week of school)

Parents are always welcome on fieldtrips. However, it is school policy that siblings may not accompany parents on these fieldtrips. Parents will need to complete a Volunteer Application Form prior to attending any field trips. Please be aware that parents will be expected to supervise students. All parents, therefore, must be willing to comply with the field trip rules stated by the teacher, as well as any general school policies. Parents who encounter behavior problems should refer students to teacher for necessary disciplinary action.

# Excused and Unexcused Absence and Tardy Procedures

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All children who have been absent, must return to school with a note (explaining their absence) in order to return to class. A written request is required for all pre-planned absences and must be approved by Mr. Cushing at least one-week in advance.

## Unexcused absences:

Family vacation

Trips to Disneyland

Family visiting from out of town-etc.

Remember, ALL requests must be in writing with at least one-week advance notice. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## Excused absences:

Illness

Death in the family

Medical or Dental emergency

All students arriving at school after 8:30 am are considered late and must go to the office for an admittance slip. ***An adult must accompany late students to the office.***

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I am aware of the Absence & Tardy procedures.

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return to school immediately.