# UPDATE ON OUR YEAR SO FAR!





It is hard to believe that we are already this far into first grade! We have learned so much already, and I am so proud of the progress we are making.

As we move further into the school year, you may notice that I am beginning to hold the students to higher expectations for classroom behavior, listening, and responsibility. We have had several weeks to learn our routines and expectations, and everyone is getting very comfortable, which is a wonderful thing! However, with that comfort can sometimes come a little extra talking, silliness, and difficulty staying focused.

First graders absolutely need opportunities to talk, move, laugh, and have fun, and we will continue to have plenty of those moments! At the same time, part of growing up is learning that there is a time to talk and a time to listen, a time to move and a time to sit quietly, and a time to play and a time to work.

Our lessons are beginning to move fast and furious, and we have so much to learn this year! Because of that, I will be cracking down a little more on behaviors that interrupt learning, including excessive talking, not following directions the first time, playing during instruction, and distracting others.



My goal is never to expect six-year-olds to sit silently all day. My goal is to help them develop the self-control, responsibility, and good learning habits they will need as they continue to grow. Please help me by reminding your child that doing their very best includes listening, following directions, working hard, and allowing their classmates to learn too.

I love this sweet group of first graders, and I am excited about everything we are going to accomplish together this year. Thank you for supporting me as we work together to help them grow academically, socially, and spiritually!

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