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hello everyone!

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My name is Miss Bell and I will be your child's leacher this year. This is my fourth year at St. James. I my free time, I love to read, make music, and spend time with my family and friends. I am so excited to work with all of you this year! I look forward to having your child in my class this year. In this flipbook, you can find information about our class. Please take it home with you to review and reference.

Together, we will make this the best year ever!

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What if my child has a summer birthday?

Ah, the dreaded summer birthday! In my classroom, we celebrate summer birthdays on half birthdays. I will send an email a few weeks before your child's half birthday to remind you that it is coming up as well as to ask if you plan to send in a birthday treat.

What does communication look like between home and school?

I hope to be in touch with good notes, emails, and items to share! I will also be using student planners to send home notes as needed. Please initial their planners each evening. I will send home a weekly letter containing the spelling, vocabulary, grammar skills, and reading story for the week along with any other important notes or reminders. For last minutes changes or quick reminders, I will be using Remind IOI. The instructions for registration are included with this packet and the classroom code is on the magnetic card with my bitmoji on it. While I hope it never does, if an issue with behavior or academics arises, I will reach out so that we can work through it together.

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Can my child bring a snack?

Absolutely! I encourage you to send your child with a healthy snack every day to tide them over until lunch. We do not have a set time for snack in our classroom so they may enjoy their snack whenever they are hungry. I just ask that they only bring one snack per school day. Please no cookies or sweets.

Can my child bring a water bottle?

Yes, please send your child with a water bottle that has a tight sealing lid (Chromebooks and water don't mix!) Please do not send cups with straws, as they have led to some close calls with the computers in the past. I will do my best to send these home frequently for cleaning.

Can my child bring in birthday treats?

Just like last year, birthday freats are limited to individually packaged treats. If you could shoot me an email a day or two in advance, it helps with planning in case we have a schedule conflict.

Phy ed clothes?

In fifth grade, students are expected to change out of uniform clothes for phy. ed. This clothing should be comfortable, athletic, weather appropriate clothing such as athletic shorts, t-shirts, sweatpants, or leggings. Phy. ed clothes can be stored in your child's locker and should be brought home frequently for cleaning.



Transportation changes

If you email me about changes in transportation at the end of the day, please include Ms. Shanna. I do not always see my emails before the end of the day and I don't want to miss an important change.

Homework

Homework is used to practice and master skills we have learned in our classroom. Homework will include math worksheets, Rocket Math practice, Spelling practice, Vocabulary practice, and Reading response tasks. I encourage you to talk about your child's homework with them but it is important that it is completed independently so I can see which skills your child has mastered and which ones still need work.

Light Covers

I have purchased light covers for my classroom that should arrive in a few weeks. These light covers help to reduce the glare from the harsh fluorescent lights. This helps kids focus and reduces eye strain and headaches! It might seem different now, but I promise, they get used to it quickly!

Classroom Library

I spent many days this summer scouring thrift stores and used book stores for titles to add to my classroom library that my students will love! I hope to foster a lifelong love of literacy and these new books will help fulfill this dream.

emergency Bin

In my classroom, I have a bin full of supplies that my students might need during the day. This includes things like extra socks, extra winter wear, floss picks, and hair ties. If there is anything else you can think of to add to this bin or if you would like to add supplies to it, please let me know!

ABOUT THE room

I love making my classroom an inviling place for the students to come to every day! I am constantly looking for ways to make my classroom a fun and comfortable place to be!

Fidgel lools

After doing research on ways to increase focus in the classroom, I decided to try out several different fidget tools. I have a whole bin in my classroom full of different types of fidget tools. We will spend the first few weeks learning about the expectations for our fidgets and finding what kind of fidget, if any, works best for each child. I ask that any fidgets from home stay in your child's backpack or locker during the school day!

Here are the links for my Amazon and Scholastic wish lists along with the "Book Fairy" campaign to help provide each student with a free book every month. Feel free to share these links with family and friends. Thank you for your support!



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