



Welcome to Mrs. Cochran's Class

I am excited to be your child's teacher this year! This pamphlet is provided to help answer questions concerning homework, communication, and classroom procedures.

WELCOME

My name is Mrs. Cochran, and I am delighted to be your child's teacher this year! Mrs. Garner is my para; she works closely with our class assisting during morning work, math, reading & writing work times. She also takes care of checking the daily folders & is a true asset to our class! We are both looking forward to a fantastic school year!

CLASS WEBSITE



Communication



Daily Binder:

The best way to communicate with me will be through email. You may also send a note in your child's Daily Binder. Please provide the following:

- ❖ 1/2 inch - 3 ring binder which will serve as their Daily Folder or "Jungle Book"
- ❖ CLEAR zippered pencil pouch:
 - Please put ALL money labeled with the **teacher's name, student name & purpose of the money in an envelope or ziplock**; place all notes in here as well. Please make sure the pouch is **clear** so that we can quickly see if there is money or notes to take out.
- ❖ There will also be a Specials' Calendar so that you know when your child has Art, Music, STEM or PE & needs to wear sneakers.
- ❖ We will send home newsletters & your child's work every Friday, as well as any important letters throughout the week. **Please REMOVE these daily.**
- ❖ Your child's binder will also have a reading log and sight word lists later in the year.

Remember to send your child's binder EVERY DAY.

Email: dcochran@paulding.k12.ga.us

****best & fastest way to contact me****

Phone: 770.443.4191

Class Dojo: Please be sure I have a cell # & email. I will send everyone a class invite. Please respond & download the Class Dojo app. This will be



our primary mode of behavior management. Please email me if you do **not** get my Welcome Message.

Lunch

Make sure your child knows if they have a lunch box or are purchasing a lunch from the cafeteria; they will need to learn their 6 digit lunch # which is given to parents during Open House. Please stress the importance of using their manners when eating in the lunchroom..



Snack

Please bring a separately packed (**not in lunchbox**) **small, labeled, DRY** snack in a slider ziplock bag that your child is able to quickly open independently & a water bottle **labeled** with their name as well each day. We don't provide snacks.



Newsletter

The newsletter will be sent home weekly. I will email & send home a copy in your child's binder; it will also be listed on my website which has important information:

Homework & Skills

Reading: Read with your child everyday! Your child will be given a black & white Saxon Phonics Reader later in the year. Point to the words & ask questions: Who is in the story? What do you think will happen next? Sound out words & look for sight words. Please write a note indicating they are ready to read it to us. When they have less than 3 errors



they will move onto the next reader. We have students read these mostly before class so getting your child to school early is always best!

- **Sight Words:** We will begin sight words once your child knows all of their letters & sounds. There are colored lists which follow patterns called flash words & others we call heart words. The end of year goal for Kindergarten is reading 85 words. Sight words must be read within 3 seconds.

Skills to work on at home will be highlighted in the newsletter each week.

- **Math:** Beginning goals include counting with one to one correspondence which means touching only 1 item while counting as well as learning how to write & identify numbers 0-10.
- **Phonics:** Beginning goals include identifying all letters & sounds, rhyming as well as segmenting & blending words.

Example: s - i - t = sit or mop = m-o-p

Homework is a very important time for children to practice skills learned at school; it is crucial to develop this useful practice time.

Absences – Tardies – Early Pick Up

Please help your child get to school on time each day. If your child is sick, please keep them home & fever free for 24 hours. Remember to send in a parent note or doctor's excuse. It is important for your child to be at school if they are well. I work with small groups from 7:30-8:00 & begin instruction after morning announcements. Children who come in late miss this valuable time.

Transportation

Make sure your child knows how they will be getting home each day. If your child has a change of transportation, we need this in **writing** & placed in the **clear pouch** in their binder. We **CANNOT** take transportation changes over the phone or through Class Dojo.



Money

Please place all money in an envelope **AND** label what it is for in the clear zipper pencil pouch in your child's binder. We do not check backpacks or pockets for money.



Extra Clothes

Please put an extra change of **labeled seasonal** clothes in your child's bookbag. They will be left there unless needed; please replace them when necessary. Accidents & spills happen on occasion.

Discipline

Please review your child's daily behavior report in **Class Dojo** through a point system. Each student is given a clip on our class behavior chart where everyone starts on "Green: Ready to Learn."

- If they have not made a good choice, they will clip down to "yellow" & lose 1 point. Students also have opportunities to clip up throughout the day. If they clip to purple 5 separate days for outstanding behavior, they will get to choose from redeeming their points for **LUNCH BUNCH** on Fridays with the teacher, extra **COMPUTER** time,

TREASURE BOX, or they can **WEAR A HAT** to school! .

- ★ + 3 points **Purple:** Outstanding
- ★ + 2 points **Pink:** Excellent
- ★ + 1 point **Blue:** Great Effort
- ★ 0 points **Green:** Ready To Learn
- ★ - 1 point **Yellow:** Think About It
- ★ - 2 points **Orange:** Make Better Choices
- ★ - 3 points **Red:** Parent Contact

Computer Access

Your child will be assigned a login & password that will give them access to computer programs at school as well as home. Cards will be sent with all info. It is **important** that parents work at home with your child during the beginning of the year to help them memorize & use this since it will be their access to important programs such as **iRead** & **Canvas**. **Canvas** is used for Digital Learning. Your child will be assigned a 6 digit # which is also used as their lunch #. Passwords will be as follows: first initial + middle initial + last initial + 2 digit birth month + 2 digit birthday. * **Example: John Robert Smith/Aug 13 - password = jrs0813**

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Involved parents like you are an integral partner of your child's success! We are looking forward to an exciting year! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime!

Mrs. Cochran
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