

Dear Parents,

Welcome to my family! I am very glad that your family is now a part of mine. I strongly believe that we have to work as a team that communicates honestly and listens well to each other. My goals for your child are the following guidelines: to have positive self-esteem, to be respectful of adults and peers, to be responsible of duties, to make an honest effort toward academics, to follow through with that effort in a positive and productive manner, to be able to listen to and follow directions, and to always be honest!

I am from Illinois, and my parents have been married over forty years. I am “mid-thirties and over” years of age. My mother is a retired teacher with thirty-two years of experience. My father is a retired full Colonel. My younger brother is a vice president of a utility company and my older brother is a medical/hospital sales representative. I also have an older sister.

I love my students, and I will treat them with respect. I do expect the same from the children. I expect positive behaviors only from the children. The children are responsible for their duties, assignments, properties, books, materials, actions, re-actions, and behaviors!! There will be six subjects taught everyday, and there will be daily homework assignments of three subjects Monday thru Thursday. I am here for the whole entire family, and I will do whatever I can to help each and every family. I will treat and love your child as if he/she were my own because I will spend about seven hours each day with him/her.

Please have your child practice cursive writing. If your child has difficulty in **cursive writing**, please work with him/ her on it at home. Furthermore, please practice with your child on a daily/weekly basis the **single digit time tables** at home. I appreciate any efforts on your part.

I love animals, especially gorillas! I adore Elmo and Goofy! My classroom is filled with lots of stuffed animals. If your child wants to, he/she may bring stuffed animals to the classroom throughout the school year. I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you guys!! I feel very privileged to have the honor of spending quality time with your child and learning all the amazing characteristics about him/her. I can't wait to meet you guys briefly for “Meet the Teacher”! If not, I will see your child bright and early in August. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms. O'B

Dear Student,

Welcome to my classroom! I am so thrilled and happy to have you in my family. I consider you one of my children, not just my student. My name is Ms. O'B, and all my children affectionately know me as "Big Mama". I am looking forward to meeting you in person and spending lots of quality time with you. I will always be here to help you and your family in any way that I can. It is perfectly normal to feel nervous and scared about the new school year. I feel nervous also! Yet, I am very excited to get started with the busy school year.

We will be extremely active in our class. Be ready to use your best listening ears, careful eyes, and manners! **You** are responsible for your duties, assignments, properties, books, materials, actions, re-actions, study habits, and behavior. I will be teaching six subjects a day, and you will have three subjects of homework daily (Monday thru Thursday). If you have difficulty with cursive writing, have Mom or Dad work with you on it at home. Please have Mom or Dad practice the single digit time tables with you also. (example: 9x8).

I love animals, especially gorillas! You can bring in your favorite stuffed animals to my classroom. I also love Elmo and Goofy! During the school year, we will have some food. I make wonderful cakes!

I will be there for you and guide you throughout the entire school year. I will love you and take care of you as if you were my own child. I am an excellent listener if you ever have a problem that is bothering you. No one is perfect, including me! If you make a mistake or an "oops", it is okay! The most important thing is that you fix the problem honestly and in a positive way!

I am very blessed to have you in my classroom, and I will meet you in person very soon. I can't wait to learn more about you! Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,
Ms. O'B

Welcome to my classroom!
I am looking forward to spending time with your child.



Ms. O'B
4th Grade

***I have 2 favorite “R” words: RESPONSIBILITY and RESPECT. These “R” words are life-long values that I will teach and expect out of every single child. Who is responsible for completing assignments? Making sure that everything is in the book bag? Having all the books and folders? Writing down the homework assignments? Studying for the test?*

*The answer is your child, not parents, teachers, brothers, sisters, pets, principal, friends, next door neighbors, etc. ***

Thank you for becoming members of our new family. I am looking forward to working, listening, and talking with you. If you need any help or have any questions, please come visit me or call me. I am here for the whole family.

Classroom Rules

- 1. Be respectful to adults, peers, yourself and others' properties*
- 2. Be responsible for yourself and your duties*
- 3. Only nice words spoken in school - no profanity*
- 4. Keep your hands and feet to yourself - no fighting*
- 5. Listen to and follow the teacher's directions - no interrupting*
- 6. No foods, candy, toys, or drinks allowed in the classroom (except water bottles)*

Subjects Taught Daily

Language Arts: (Reading, English, Spelling)

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

Special Area Classes

Music

Art

Physical Education

Computer Lab

Library

Guidance

Homework is given on a daily basis! Please check to make sure that your child has completed and turned in all assignments on time. Any late assignment or an incomplete assignment will result in the grade of 0 (zero). You can check your child's daily homework assignments on your home computer by visiting our class web page at <http://www.am.dodea.edu/jackson/fjcp/classpages/Classwebsites/4thGrade/MsO/index.html>.

Grading Scale

90-100 *A*

80-89 *B*

70-79 *C*

60-69 *D*

59-Below *F*

NOTE: *There will be no re-do's for grades. In other words, the grade stays, whether good or bad.*

Lunch/Recess

Your child will have fifteen minutes for lunch and fifteen minutes for outside time. A notice slip will be sent home to you when lunch tickets are almost used up; therefore, please send a check to school as soon as you receive one of those slips.

Dear Parents,

In my classroom, I use the following discipline strategies:

1. **3 strikes** --- strikes will be given by special area teachers and myself for any behavior issues. Once the child earns three strikes, he /she will have to serve detention after school. You will be notified by letter and agenda book for each problem and detention dates.
2. **Group behavior chart**- The children will have to learn to cooperate and work as a group!!! Letters will be taken away from chart, and each child must realize that their actions will affect the other group members.
3. **Thinking Desk**- I have an area set up right next to my desk for the individual child that cannot follow the rules. He/she will have to fill out a behavior responsibility form that must be signed by child, parent, and myself.
4. **O'B's Bucks**- The children can earn "bucks" for positive actions and behavior.
5. **Individual Fish Bowls**- each child is responsible for keeping six fish in their bowl by positive behavior, attitude, and effort! Consequences will follow the more fish he/she loses to the cat's plate!!!

Behavior Responsibility Form

Name:

Date:

When:

Where:

What I Did:

THINKING SHEET

Name _____

Answer these questions:

1. What did I have a problem with today?

2. What did I feel? Circle one or more:

mad sad glad afraid other _____

3. What did I do ? Write it or draw it.

4. What could I have done instead? Write it or draw it.

5. How will that feel?

6. Do I need to apologize to anyone?

Who?

Why?

7. Today I have learned that _____

UPDATE PROGRESS FORM
******* Ms. O'B-4th*******

Name _____

Quarter _____

LANGUAGE ARTS- (Reading, Language, Spelling)

MATH-

SCIENCE-

SOCIAL STUDIES-

Comments

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Ms. O'Bs Supply List

1. one small water bottle
2. four packs of wide ruled loose leaf paper
3. three packs of pencils
4. two packs of colored pens
5. nine two pocket **thin** plastic folders with three pronged holder in the middle (**No large, thick binders—No Trapper Keepers**)
6. backpack with wheels (***It is much safer for the children's backs!!!***)
7. two boxes of tissue
8. two bottles of hand sanitizer
9. four 3 subject wide ruled notebooks
10. small manual pencil sharpener

I appreciate it so much!

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15 –10:00	Language Arts	→		→	→
10:05 –10:50	Math	→	→	→	→
10:55-11:25	Lunch	→	→	→	→
11:30-12:55	Math	→	→	→	→
12:30 – 1:00	Science	PE (12:15-1:00)	Science	Science	Guidance (12:15-1:00)
1:05 – 1:50	PE	Art	Library	Music	Social Studies
1:55 - 2:30	Social Studies (will switch)	Science/Social Studies (will switch)	Social Studies	Social Studies	Science
2:30 - 2:40	Agenda Books and Pack Up	Agenda Books and Pack Up	Agenda Books and Pack Up	Agenda Books and Pack Up	Agenda Books and Pack Up