



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another great year here at John B Kelly Elementary! My name is Mrs. McGinty. I am your child's third grade teacher. This is my second year here at Kelly. I am very anxious to meet all of you and look forward to guiding your children through the year!

I believe that parents and families are important partners with teachers, the school, and the community. It is my goal to have all children reading on level and to be successful on the PSSA towards the end of the year. With everyone working together, we can make this a great year for all. If there are ever any problems or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for allowing me to teach your children and watch them succeed!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Geralyn McGinty

# Classroom Routines and Policies

## **Behavior:**

Positive behavior is an important part of learning. In order for everyone to learn and do their best, all students must ***Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Learner, Be Peaceful and Be a Problem Solver!*** They should be respectful of **all** members of our school community. I will be reviewing this policy repeatedly with your children and expect them to know these rules by heart!

## **Positive Reinforcement:**

In order to encourage positive behavior, students will be earning tickets. They can exchange those tickets for prizes or treats.

\*In addition to what I am offering in the classroom, students can earn “rewards” from other school personnel. They can earn this “reward” for displaying positive behavior in the hallways, specialist classes, lunchroom, and recess. They can use the “reward” to be entered into the daily drawing.

## **Homework:**

\*Homework will be given Monday – Thursday. Students will have homework in literacy, writing, math, and either science or social studies. Homework is an important part of your child’s grade.

\*As a part of your child’s homework, each student is encouraged to read 45 books by the end of October. I will allow the students to check out books to meet this goal. Students will track the books they have read in order to participate in the special activity.

*\*\*Homework is for students to practice skills taught in class. If your child is struggling with homework, simply write a note explaining that they did not understand it. I will review it with them the next day. ☺ \*\**

**PLEASE SIGN THE BOTTOM AND RETURN**

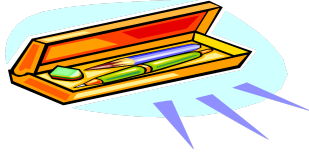
I have reviewed the procedures and policies of the classroom with my child.

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Signature

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Date

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Supply List**



- \* 5 marble notebooks (1 - homework, 2 - math, 3 - science & social studies, 4 - reading and 5 - writing)
- \* 1 binder (1 in.)
- \* 1 backpack
- \* 2 dry erase markers
- \* 1 pack of index cards (to be shared with the whole class)
- \* 2 boxes of tissues (to be shared with the whole class)
- \* 2 rolls of paper towels (to be shared with the whole class)
- \* 2 packs of filler paper (lined - wide ruled to be shared)
- \* 2 boxes of pencils (to be shared with the whole class)
- \* 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- \* 1 pack of baby wipes (to be shared with the whole class)
- \* 3 folders (1 for homework, 2 for writing)
- \* 1 pair of headphones (for use in the computer lab)

***\*PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN THE FOLLOWING\****

- ⊗ PENCIL SHARPENERS
- ⊗ SCISSORS
- ⊗ PACKS OF CRAYONS
- ⊗ MARKERS
- ⊗ PENS
- ⊗ RULERS

## **General Information**

**Hours:** The school day begins promptly at 8:30 with the children lining up in the main schoolyard for our opening ceremony.

**Clothing:** The school uniform is green shirts with khaki pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers. Shoes or sneakers may be worn. Socks must be worn at all times. No open-toed or open-backed shoes are allowed. Students may wear a sweater in the classroom during the colder months, but they must be the same color as the uniform. No hoodies will be allowed. Please make sure that your child's name is written in all outerwear as most of the sweaters and some of the jackets are similar.

**Lunch:** Lunch will be provided at 11:30. If you wish for your child to bring his/her own lunch, please send it with him/her in the morning. Glass bottles and metal lunch boxes are NOT allowed.

**Absence:** If your child is absent, please send in a note upon his/her return. If the absence has been longer than 3 days, a note from the doctor is required.

**Scholastic Books:** One way to encourage your child to read at home is through Scholastic books. There are books for \$1.00 available every month! Soon your child will be bringing home an order form for scholastic books. This is **NOT** mandatory, but the books are usually inexpensive. A new order form will be sent home monthly and the orders will need to be returned within one week.

**Home Contact:** It is **extremely important** that I have a valid telephone number for you at all times. In the event that your child becomes ill during the day or an extreme emergency arises, you will need to be contacted. Please notify me if either your phone number or your emergency contact person's phone number changes.

