

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade!



# About Ms. Nowakowski

- B.S. in Elementary Education and minor in Early Childhood from Northwest Missouri State University
- Masters in Literacy from Missouri State University
- Fifth year teaching
- 2 older sisters (Samantha and Becca)
- Lives in Kansas City
- Loves working with children
- Knows that all children can learn
- Will do anything and everything to help your child succeed
- Will care about your child as if he/she were my own



# Orange Take-Home Folder

**Take home folder will include:**

- Any finished work
- Homework
- Notes to go home
- Papers to sign/return



**As a parent, please check your child's folder daily for any important papers or information!**

# Behavior Management

In our classroom, when students make good decisions and are being a leader, they will receive a sticker to put on their sticker charts. When they fill up their sticker charts, they will pick a prize/incentive from the list of options.

# Daily Schedule



## Ms. Nowakowski's Class Schedule

Morning Meeting/LEAD.....8:50-9:15

Phonics.....9:15-9:45

Reader's Workshop.....9:45-10:30

Recess.....10:35-10:50

Phonics.....10:50-11:05

Lunch.....11:21-11:46

Small Group Reading.....11:47-12:10

Specials.....12:10-1:00

Math.....1:00-1:55

Small Group Reading.....1:55-2:30

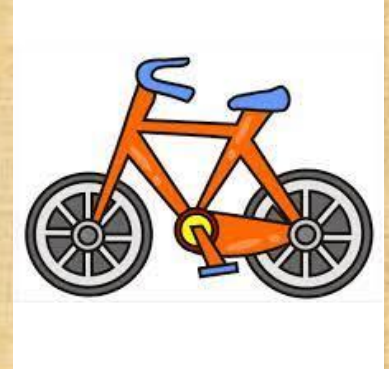
Recess.....2:30-2:45

Writing.....2:45-3:20

Closing Circle.....3:20-3:30



# Grading



When looking at your child's grades, use this analogy:

## Riding My Bike

- 1=** I have a bike. (unable to ride and need lots of assistance)
- 2=** I can ride my bike with training wheels. (need help)
- 3=** I can ride my bike down the street. (can ride but still fall off)
- 4=** I can ride trails and race on my bike. (ride without falling off at all)

Our goal is to reach a 4 by the end of the year.

# Stay Connected!



- **SMORE**: A weekly class SMORE newsletter will be sent home containing important class information as well as important upcoming dates (on Friday's).



- **ClassDojo**: ClassDojo Messaging allows me to send quick messages straight to your cell phone. I use this for reminders and important updates, as well as pictures of what we are doing in class. You **do not** need a smart phone to receive messages.
- The ClassDojo app (free for iPhone & Android) also allows you to send messages to me. This is by far the best way to contact me, as I frequently see these messages before emails!

# Contact Information

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