

WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE

Please begin filling out the yellow
transportation card on your desk!
You may also place supplies on back
counter and in your child's desk.

Daniel Pratt Elementary School
First Grade Transportation

Name _____
Teacher _____

Walker _____
Car Rider _____
After School Care _____
Bus # _____
1st Load _____ 2nd Load _____

Address _____
Parents' Name(s) _____
Home Address _____
Parent's Best Contact Number(s) _____
Alternate Contact Name & Number _____



ABOUT ME

🍏 Mrs. Castle 🍏

- This is my 6th year teaching at Daniel Pratt!
- I am a Prattville native! I graduated from Prattville High School.
- Education
 - Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood & Elementary Education – AUM.
 - Master's degree in Elementary Education – UWA.
 - Education Specialist Degree in Elementary Education – UWA.



ABOUT ME

- o I'm married to my wonderful husband, Matt. We have an almost 2-year-old daughter named Penelope Jane (PJ). We are expecting a baby boy this November.
- o We have two miniature long-haired dachshunds named Dash and Winnie. They are our babies!
- o I love spending time with my family, working out, Christmas time, iced coffee, Vanilla Coke, Chick-fil-A, and Target!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Walking Your Child to School

On the first day of school, you are welcome to walk your child to class!

- You may walk your child to my room between 8:15 – 8:30.
- Enter the front doors of your child's classroom hallway.
- This is ONLY for the first day of school.
- Parking is available in front of the school.
- Please do not block the carpool traffic dropping off in the front.
- Use the crosswalks at the center of the school.

STUDENT SUPPLIES

School Supplies

Please see our class Supply List!

Water Bottles

We have refill stations setup around the school for water bottles. I suggest sending a cup with your child that they can easily open and close. This helps us avoid spills. (:

Headphones

Your child will need a sturdy set of **WIRED** headphones to keep at school.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Overview

- Reading Intervention, Whole Group, and Small Group will be in the morning.
- Math Intervention, Whole Group, and Small Group will be in the afternoon.
- Science and Social Studies will be in the afternoon.

**** A complete copy of our class schedule can be found on my class website. ****

Important Times

These are some important times throughout the day that you will need to be aware of.

- Lunch 11:16 – 11:39
- P.E. 12:55 – 1:45
- Snack 1:48 – 1:58
- Music Every other Thursday 10:30 – 11:15
- Library Wednesdays 9:20 – 9:50

CARPPOOL - MORNING

- Carpool drop-off starts at 7:10 and ends at 7:55. Please do not leave before you see the person supervising drop-off.
- Front parking lot is closed to the public until 7:55.
- If you arrive after 7:55, you must go to the front office to check your child in.
- Jay Street is the ONLY entrance for carpool.
- Please see the carpool video on my class website if needed.
- Carpool tags are not needed for morning drop off.
- No student drop offs allowed in the front parking lot.

CARPPOOL - AFTERNOON

- You MUST have the carpool tag displayed in your car at carpool. If you do not have your carpool sign, you will be asked to show your ID.
- You MUST go to the carpool table in the lunchroom today to receive your hang carpool tag/account!!
- Extra tags are \$5 each

DISMISSAL

- Students will have a color-coded tag (yellow) tied to their backpack for the first few weeks of school. Please do not remove this! I will replace it if it falls off or becomes damaged.
- Any transportation changes MUST be sent to me in writing (riding home with a friend, carpool instead of walker, etc.) I cannot accept transportation changes through ParentSquare.
- If you send a ParentSquare message during the school day about a transportation change, I likely may not see it before dismissal.

DISMISSAL

- If your child is a walker, you cannot park in the front parking lot to pick up your child. You must park on Tara Dr. instead.
- If walking from your home or car to pickup your child, you must wait in the designated walker pickup areas. Parents are not allowed to wait under the front breezeway. This is to ensure student safety.

DISMISSAL

Dismissal Schedule

- 2:50 – Walkers (out Green Hall Doors) and Daycare
- 2:52 – Carpool
- 2:55 – First Wave Bus Riders
- 3:00 – Second Wave Bus Riders
- 3:04 – YMCA

**** If your child is a bus rider, please find out if your child is riding the 1st load or 2nd load. The transportation department's phone number is (334) 361-3897. They will be happy to assist you to find out that information!****

DAILY BINDER

- Left side pocket – Return to School
- Right side pocket – Keep at Home
- Zipper Pouch – Money and Notes

****Please place all money in an envelope with your child's name on it, my name, and the reason for the money (snack money, field trip, etc.)****

- Behavior Sheet – Initial daily
- Reading Materials – Weekly reading packets/newsletters will be placed in binders every Monday (in homework sheet protector).
- Graded/Important Papers – These will be placed in the "Return to School" pocket of your child's binder. Anything in this pocket needs to be signed and returned ASAP.

**** Assignments with a 69/D or below will need to be signed and returned to keep on file. ****

- Please DO NOT remove any of the other things (100's chart, sound wall, math resources, etc.) from your child's binder. They will utilize these resources in class!

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

If you would like to send in a birthday treat to celebrate your child's birthday, you may.

- o The treat **MUST** be pre-packaged/store bought.
- o Students will eat birthday treats during snack.
- o Send it to school with your child in the morning.
- o If you send birthday invitations to school, you **MUST** invite the whole class.

MONEY

- Please send all money in an envelope with your child's name, reason for money, amount, and teacher's name. Place this inside the zipper pouch located in your child's binder. Example:

Jane Doe
Snack Money - \$2.00
Mrs. Castle

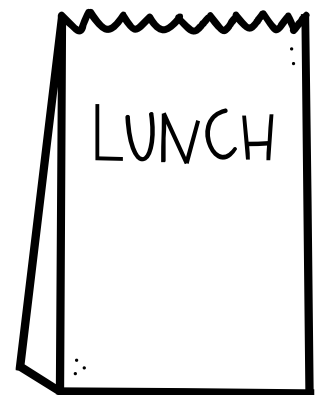
- The front office will not accept any money to be delivered to the classroom.
- I must have all money turned into the office by 8:15 each morning. I cannot accept money past this time.
- All money deadlines are FINAL. There will be no exceptions.

SNACK

- You may send your child with a snack from home or snack money. ** The Snack Shack will not open until August 11th! **
- No sodas allowed unless it is a Special Snack day!!
- Cash only for Snack Shack purchases
- Please try to send exact change. No large bills!
- Snacks can only be purchased one day at a time.
- Special Snack will be on some Fridays as a reward. Students will be able to purchase soda, candy, and other special treats. Soda and Candy will be \$1.25 each.
- Please see the DPES website for exact Snack Shack Prices.
Some snack prices include:
 - Gatorade and water \$1
 - Chips \$.75
 - Fruit Roll Ups \$.50

LUNCH

- Student lunch is free for all students this year!
- I will take a lunch count each morning.
- Students may purchase extra items at lunch (ice cream, chips, and drinks). Please see the lunchroom website for prices.
- You can send in cash, check, or load your child's lunch account using the new system LINQ Connect (<https://bit.ly/47508FJ>).
- Checks written for lunch should be addressed to DPES.
- Students cannot warm up their lunch from home.
- Parents are not allowed to eat in the lunchroom every day. Family lunch days will occur throughout the year.



BREAKFAST

- Student breakfast is free for all students this year!
- If your child will be eating breakfast at school, please remind them to go to the lunchroom upon arrival to school to eat!
- Breakfast ends when the tardy bell rings.
- Please be mindful of getting to school in a timely manner to allow your child plenty of time to have breakfast in the lunchroom.

GRADING POLICY

- Students will have to pass Language Arts AND Math with a yearly average of 60 or higher in order to be promoted to 2nd grade.
- Students receive letter grades in Language Arts and Math
- Grading scale
 - 90 – 100: A
 - 80 – 89: B
 - 70 – 79: C
 - 60 – 69: D
 - 59 & below: F

Language Arts & Math

- 60% Major Grades (tests)
- 40% Minor Grades (minor grades)

Science & Social Studies

- S, N, U Grading

Report Cards & Progress Reports

Progress reports will go home every 4 ½ weeks and report cards go home every 9 weeks. You can find exact dates for these on the ACBOE calendar.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Please read over the attendance policies in the Student Handbook.
- If your child is absent, you MUST send in an excuse within 3 days of their absence.
- Students can only have 7 parent excuses for the entire school year. After using all 7 parent excuses, absences will be marked unexcused unless a doctor's note is provided.
- If an absence is unexcused, students cannot make up any graded assignments they missed. We are required to give students a zero.
- It is your child's responsibility to turn in their excuse in the mornings. They will place it in the "Drop Box." I remind them and teach them this routine!
- All excuses must be handwritten or submitted through the Parent Square attendance notification!! A Parent Square message to me will NOT count as an excuse!!

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Point System

I will use a point/check mark system in the classroom. Students will start the day on green (0 points) and earn or lose according to behavior.

Behavior Chart

Students will have a behavior chart in their binder that will be updated daily. Please initial each square daily. I will write notes about student behavior.

School Wide Discipline Plan

Please read the parent handbook to see all information pertaining to school wide discipline.

**** For more details, please see the discipline plan in your child's binder. ****

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Fun Fridays

- o Students are rewarded for good behaviors on Friday with different rewards: special snack, extra recess time, games, art, etc.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

First Grade Behavior Management Information

Teachers will use a point/tally system in the classroom. Each day your child will come home with a color marked in his/her folder that coincides with the points he/she earned that day. If your child was on yellow, orange, or red, please check Parent Square for specific information on what happened that day. We encourage you to discuss your child's behavior each day and have a set of rewards/consequences that coordinate with colors.

- Every child starts the day at 0 points (green).
- The children earn and lose points throughout the day.
- The colors correspond to the points/tallies earned:

-4+ = red

-2,-3 = orange

-1 = yellow

0, 1 = green

2-4 = blue

5-6 = purple

7+ = pink

•Children that stayed on green or higher for the week can participate in a Fun Friday activity. This could be extra playtime outside or fun centers in the room.

Students with a yellow will be given a very short timeout. Students with an orange will be given a 5-minute timeout. Students with a red will not participate.

••4 yellows, 2 oranges, or 1 red will result in the start of an ACS Behavior referral. These are the steps we will follow:

1. Student/Teacher Conference
2. If behaviors continue - Parent Notification
3. If behaviors continue - Parent/Teacher/Administration conference
4. If behaviors continue - Referred to office

CONTACT INFO

ParentSquare

- This is my MAIN form of communication and the fastest way to reach me!
- Please be sure to download the ParentSquare app !
- If you haven't already, please do this before you leave today!!
- Please make sure you have notifications turned on!

Email

- I can also be contacted by email at baylee.castle@acboe.net

Conferences

- I am available to conference by phone or in person during my planning time (12:55 – 1:45).

Front Office

- 361-6400

Class Website

<https://www.dpeseagles.com/baylee-snisky>

CONTACT INFO

- Please allow 24 hours for a response. I typically respond quickly, but please understand that I cannot respond in the middle of teaching.
- I do not check or respond to messages after 3:30. I will get back to you the following school morning.
- I do not answer messages on weekends.
- Please do not hesitate to reach out to me about any questions or concerns.
- Weekly Newsletters will be sent home every Friday!

IMPORTANT INFO.

- Accidents happen! Please have an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack. These clothing items will remain in your child's backpack in case of an emergency.
- Please be sure to label all items (lunchbox, jackets, water bottles, etc.) This is VERY important! Students lose their items often.
- It is very important that you read the Student Handbook located on the school website. All policies are outlined here.
- All student activities and dates are on the school calendar on the DPES website.

BEFORE YOU GO...

- On your way out, please stop by the lunchroom to do the following:
 - Bus Transportation info
 - Carpool tags/info
 - YMCA
 - APT Parent volunteer sign-up
 - Purchase optional items for sale: t-shirts, water bottles, Snack Shack envelopes, etc.
- If your child will be taking any medications at school, please go by and visit the Nurse's office. You will need to fill out a form.