

Welcome to 1st Grade!

Please begin filling out the "Breakfast" and "First Grade Transportation" forms on your desk!



Mrs. Castle

- I received my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood & Elementary Education from AUM in 2020. I just recently graduated from The University of West Alabama with my master's degree in Elementary Education. I am currently working on my Education Specialist degree at UWA!
- This is my third year teaching at Daniel Pratt Elementary School. I taught 5th for two years and this is my first year teaching first-grade!



Mrs. Castle

- I'm married to my wonderful husband, Matt, and we have a miniature long-haired dachshund named Dash. He is our baby!
- I love all things Disney World! We try to go to Disney World once a year.
- I also love spending time with my family, working out, Christmas time, iced coffee, Vanilla Coke, Moe's, and target!



Student Supplies

School Supplies – All regular school supplies have been supplied by the county.

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 headphones to keep at school.



Daily Schedule Overview

**** I will send home a copy of our daily schedule by the end of the first week of school.****

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

Important Times

Theses are some important time throughout the day that you need to be aware of:


- Lunch 11:12 - 11:35
- P.E. 1:10 - 1:50
- Snack 1:55 - 2:10
- Music 9:15 - 10:00 (every other Tuesday)
- Library 10:25 - 10:55 (Fridays)



Arrival

- You **MUST** have a carpool tag displayed in your car at carpool. Please write your child's name on their carpool sign (pink paper in the open house folder).
- Enter for carpool off of Jay St. (Shelia Blvd.) or McQueen Smith Road.
- Carpool drop-off starts at 7:15 and **ENDS** at 7:55. Please do not leave before you see the person supervising drop-off.
- **NO DROP OFFS IN THE FRONT LOT!**

DPES Eagles Carpool 2022-2023



Dismissal

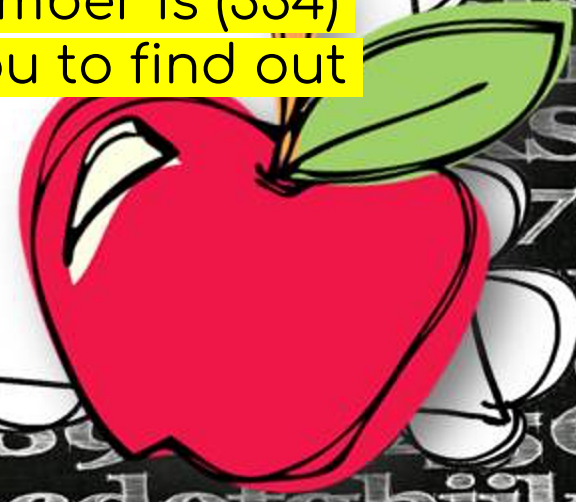
- You **MUST** have the carpool tag displayed in your car at carpool. If you do not have your carpool sign, you will be asked to show your ID.
- If you need another carpool sign throughout the school year, please email your child's name and my name to dpescarpool@acboe.net
- Students will have a color-coded 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.)



Dismissal Schedule

- Car riders dismiss to the gym at 2:50
- Walkers dismiss out the green hall front doors at 2:55
- 1st load bus dismiss at 3:05
- 2nd load bus shortly after
- YMCA dismiss to DPES gym at 3:10

* 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!*



SMORE'S Binder

- Left side pocket – leave at home
- Colored sheet protector – sign and return to school
- Zipper Pouch – Place all money in envelope inside the zipper pouch.
- Reading Materials – Weekly reading packet will be placed in binders on Monday (in homework sheet protector). Complete a section every night. Read the weekly story and spelling/sight words NIGHTLY!
- Behavior Sheets – Initial daily
- Graded Papers/Important Papers: will be placed in the colored sheet protector. Anything in this sheet protector needs to be signed and returned ASAP.



Student Birthdays

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

- The treat MUST be pre-packaged/store bought.
- Students will eat birthday treats during snack.
- Send it to school with your child in the morning.



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. The front office will not take any money to deliver to the classroom.
- All money must be taken to the office by 8:15. I cannot accept money past this time.
- Please send exact change only for snack money.

*I will provide updated snack pricing before the first day of school. *



Lunch

- Lunch is NOT FREE for all students anymore.
- Free and reduced lunch form is inside the open house folder OR you can fill out the form online using this link: www.schoollunchapp.com
- Checks written for lunch should be addressed to DPES.
- **Student lunch price: \$2.75 per day**

Snack

- Cash only, exact change
- Purchased one day at a time

Breakfast

- Breakfast is FREE to all students this year!
- If your child would like breakfast, please fill out this form located in the open house folder. We MUST have this form in order for your child to get free breakfast.

BREAKFAST

Autauga County Schools will provide breakfast (food and drink), free of charge to all of our students this year. Please indicate below if your child will/will not be ordering a school breakfast this year.

**Students who will be eating breakfast at school will need to arrive daily by 7:45 am.*

____ My child WILL need a breakfast at school.

____ My child WILL NOT need a breakfast at school.

Student Name: _____

Grading Policy

Reading

- 60% Major Grades (Weekly reading tests)
- 40% Minor Grades (various activities to practice tested skills)

Math

- 60% Major Grades (Test at the end of each topic)
- 40% Minor Grades (Various activities to practice tested skills, timed math fact fluency)

Language

- Spelling and Grammar Tests will count as major grades.

Science & Social Studies

- S, N, U grading

Report Cards and Progress Reports

Progress reports will go home every 4-½ weeks and report cards will come home every 9 weeks. You can find the 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 10 parent notes for the entire school year.
- 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! **A Class Dojo message can't be counted as an excuse.**



Student Behavior

Class Dojo

I will be using Class Dojo to monitor behavior. Students can earn or lose Dojo points based on their behavior. Class Dojo will also be used for communication, so please sign up using the code located in your child's Open House folder.

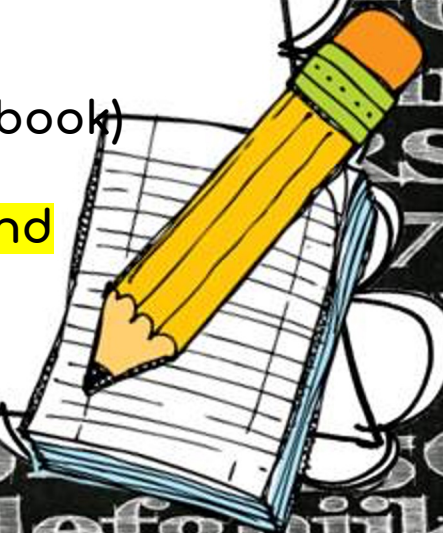
Behavior Chart

- Students will have a behavior chart in their binder that will be updated daily. Please initial each square daily.
- Please see behavior plan in the "Open House Folder"

Demerit System

- System for common areas (please see DPES handbook)

A comprehensive behavior plan can be found on my class website.



Contact Information

Class Dojo

- This is my MAIN form of communication and the fastest way to reach me!
- Sign up using the code located on your child's desk.
- If you missed open house, please sign up using the following link: <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CYGPWHM>

Email

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

Front Office

- 361-6400

Class Website

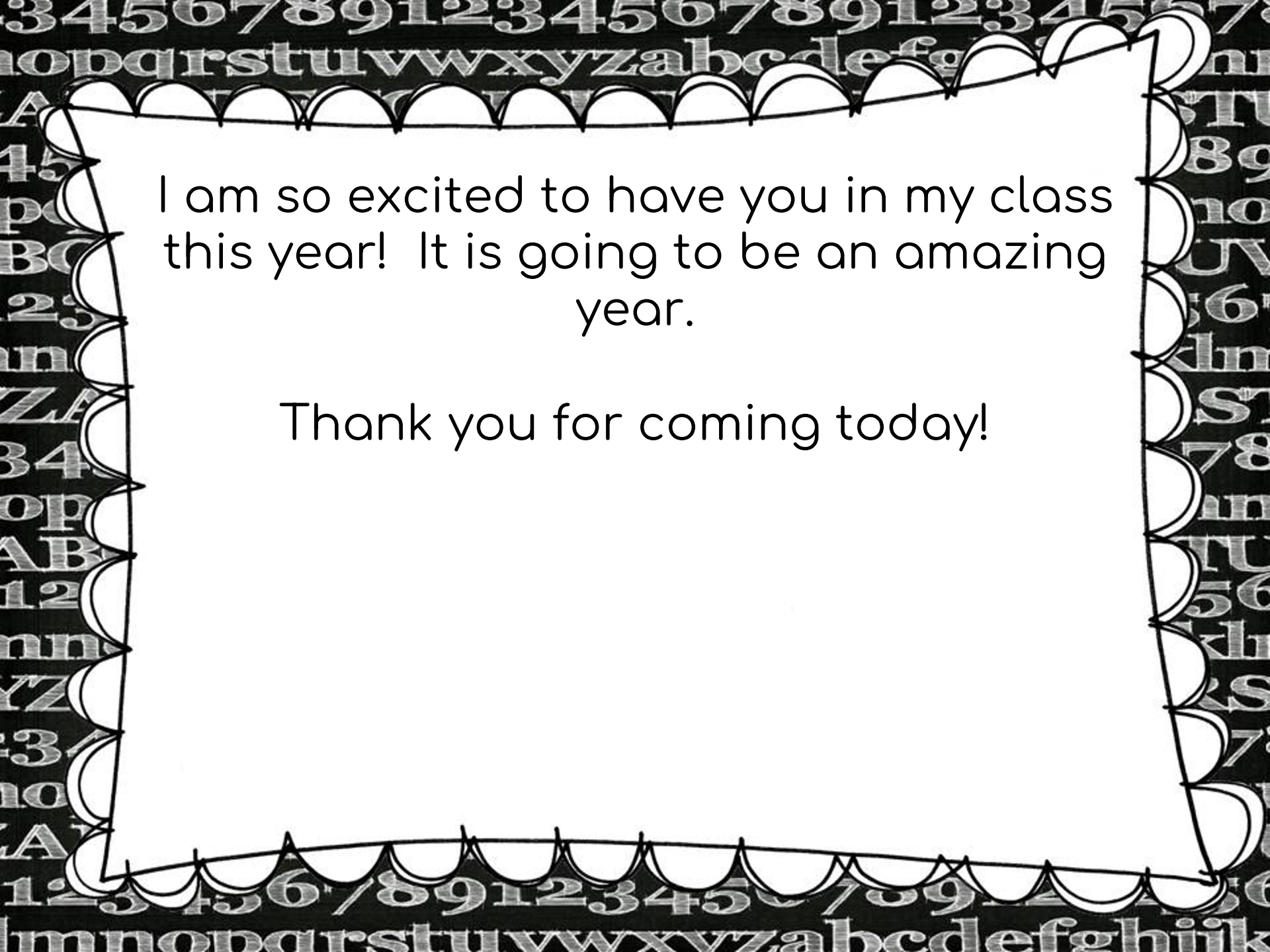
- Updated weekly
- Link: <https://www.dpeseagles.com/boylee-snisky>



Contact Information (continued)

- Please allow 24 hours for a response. I typically respond pretty quickly, but please understand I cannot respond in the middle of teaching.
- I do not check or respond to messages after 3:40. I will get back to you the following school morning.
- Please do not hesitate to reach out to me about any questions or concerns!



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I am so excited to have you in my class
this year! It is going to be an amazing
year.

Thank you for coming today!