

# WELCOME BACK!

- ★ PLEASE SIGN IN!
- ★ YOU MAY FIND YOUR CHILD'S  
DESK AND SIT.



# GRADING POLICY

English Language Arts will be explained on the following slides.

## Math:

- Major Grades: Topic test
- Minor Grades: Weekly skill sheet
- Math Fluency (Addition & Subtraction, 2 per nine weeks, not timed)

## Science and Social Studies:

- S (satisfactory), N (needs improvement), U (unsatisfactory)

Autauga County Retention Policy: Regular education students in grades one (1) through (3) will be retained if they do not pass English Language Arts and Mathematics in a given school year. A yearly numerical average of 60% or above constitutes a passing grade.

# OPEN COURT READING

There are three “bands” of Open Court that are taught daily.

## Foundational Skills

- Phonics
- Phonemic Awareness

## Reading & Responding

- Comprehension
- Vocabulary

## Language Arts

- Spelling
- Grammar
- Writing

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GRADES

**Major**-(weighted 60%)

Dictation Assessments, Read the Words, Writing Assessment & Oral Reading Fluency

**Minor**-(weighted 40%)

4-6 Grammar Tests( nouns, adjectives, verbs, sentences, etc.)

4-6 Reading Tests

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GRADES

## DICTATION ASSESSMENT

- Sounds:** Your child earns one point for every sound spelled correctly.
- Skill Words:** Your child earns one point for every sound spelled correctly, and one point for spelling the entire word correctly.
- Red “Sight” Words:** Your child earns one point for every red word spelled correctly.
- Sentence:** Your child earns points for capitalization, organization, punctuation, and spelling.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GRADES

## ORAL READING FLUENCY

Students are timed for one minute on a passage. Errors are subtracted.

(Number of Correct Words Read  
per Minute ÷ Total Words Read)

# SPELLING/HANDWRITING POLICY

- Traditional Spelling tests begin in Unit 7.
- 1 point deduction for all letter reversals.
- 1 point will be deducted for each letter that is capitalized unless it is a proper noun.
- Each spelling test will consist of a Spelling grade (0-100) and a Handwriting grade (S, N, U).
- Handwriting will be assessed for correct letter formation and use of handwriting lines.

# CORRESPONDENCE

- Please initial your child's daily behavior square.
- Work and other information will be sent home in your child's Take Home Binder.
- A weekly newsletter is sent out every week. You will find curriculum information, important dates and information, and homework assignments.
- Homework is also placed in the Take Home Binder. Please complete only the highlighted information. Do not work ahead.
- Please send all money in a labeled envelope. Field trip forms, notes, etc. should also be placed in your child's zippered pouch inside the binder. I suggest giving them a "heads up" when placing something in their binder. It helps them remember to place it on my table in the mornings.

## Tuesday Folder:

- Graded papers are placed in the folder every Tuesday.
- Please sign by the date received & return all graded papers.



# TECHNOLOGY

## **i-Ready**

- Students can engage in learning activities that target skills in both Math & Reading.

## **Powerschool**

- Grades are entered weekly.
- You may check your child's grades and average in each subject.

# ACCELERATED READER

- Students will check out books from the library on their reading level.
- Once they have read the book thoroughly, they may take a quiz on the computer at school. I recommend reading the book at least 3 times because some of the questions ask specific details.
- Students may read the book with their parents or independently.
- Each nine weeks the students will have a goal.
- If your child meets their goal, they will be rewarded.

# ATTENDANCE

- Prattville Primary expects families to ensure their children are in school and on time every day, all day. This is an important life skill! Missed instruction can affect your child's overall success in first grade.
- If your child is absent, please send in a written excuse or doctor's excuse within three days.
- Check outs may not occur after 2:30. All parents must present identification when entering the school building.

# BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND SNACK

- The snack cart visits classrooms daily from 7:45am-8:05am. Each item is \$1.00.
- On some Fridays, we will sell a special snack for \$1.
- Breakfast and lunch are free to all students this year.
- Please let me know in advance if you plan on sending in a special snack for your child's birthday.

# LEADER IN ME

PPS is committed to developing and cultivating student leaders. We will focus on teaching the 7 Habits throughout the year.

**Habit 1 Be Proactive**

**Habit 2 Begin with the End in Mind**

**Habit 3 Put First Things, First**

**Habit 4 Think Win-Win**

**Habit 5 Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**

**Habit 6 Synergize**

**Habit 7 Sharpen the Saw**

Students may earn a Positive Office Referral for living out the Leader in Me lifestyle!

# LITERACY ACT PRESENTATION

[https://www.canva.com/design/DAGOfaD84t4/3brl5INASKpsotUdglBT0w/view?utm\\_content=DAGOfaD84t4&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=recording\\_view](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGOfaD84t4/3brl5INASKpsotUdglBT0w/view?utm_content=DAGOfaD84t4&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=recording_view)