



Dear Room 507 Resource Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! My name is Ms. Donovan and I am excited to be your teacher. This is my 21st year teaching special education and I truly enjoy the primary grades. It is going to be a fun year full of learning and new adventures. I can't wait to see what this year has in store for us!

Arrival

Students will enter the building with their class at 8am everyday. No temperature checks or health screener needed. It is a good idea if you send an extra mask in their backpack.

Curriculum

My students will come to my classroom for ELA and Mathematics. I will focus on each student's goals and Individualized Education Program. Mrs. Reynolds will be in my classroom with me to provide extra support and help with each student.

In Language Arts, we use the Foundations program and a new reading program, Collaborative Classroom. In Mathematics, we use the Go Math Curriculum. If you have any questions about these programs please email me.

Reading homework is to read with your child daily for twenty minutes and discuss the story elements (characters, setting, problem, solution). Research shows that reading daily truly benefits all children academically. Also, for reading your child will be given flashcards to drill daily. Please drill your child's sight words with them daily. The extra practice at home truly makes a difference in their growth.

In math, we will cover one lesson a day and your child will have one math worksheet to practice the skill at home. This math sheet should not take long and he/she should be able to complete the assignment on their own. However, they may need assistance with the directions. In class, I always read the directions to the students so if you could ensure they understand the directions at home that would be great.

Sincerely,
Ms. Donovan
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