

Level 1 Handbook for Ms.
Dundas' 2017-2018
Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Classroom



Introduction

The Level 1 Handbook has been created to acquaint you with the major components of the class as well as to provide activities which will help your child prepare for Level 1 in August. Please keep this as a reference guide for the entire year.

Communications

Contacting the Office:

School Phone Number: 928-776-1212 (ext. 107) to leave Ms. Dundas a voicemail

Website: www.willowcreekcharter.com

Email: Level1@WillowCreekCharter.com

Behavior Plan

Willow Creek Charter School staff has been trained in *Love and Logic in the Classroom*. Students who are misbehaving or need a little time to remember what they're supposed to do will sit in the "Recovery Area". This is an area in the classroom removed from the other students where they can think about how they are supposed to act in class. They will not miss anything that is being taught and will still be able to participate. Each behavior is different and must be treated accordingly. However if the behavior is severe (stealing, hitting, using inappropriate behavior) students will be sent to the office. I will provide consequences that allow the child to experience the results of a poor choice, enabling them to make better choices in the future without the child being humiliated or demeaned. I will guide

students toward personal responsibility and decision-making skills they will need to function in the real world. Consequences will be designed to fit the problems of individual students and may be different even when the problems appear to be the same. I will document all student behavior throughout the year.

Fair isn't everybody getting the same thing. Fair is everybody getting what they need to be successful.

Overview of the Curriculum

WCC strictly follows the Arizona State Core Standards which are the new nation-wide Common Core Standards.

Language Arts Program: *SRA Imagine It!*

Math Program: *Beyond Textbooks*

Science, Social Studies, and supplemental materials will be provided from *Beyond Textbooks*

<http://www.azed.gov/azcommoncore/>

Helpful Reminders for School

- School begins at 8:15 and ends at 3:00. There is no school on Fridays.

- Before your child comes to school, please make sure that they have their take home folders, lunches, and a change of clothes in their backpacks every day.
- Please remember to send a **healthy** snack for your child **each day. No soda or candy, PLEASE! Water Only!**
- We do not have the ability to heat up your child's food for snack or lunch.
- Please label your child's coats, sweaters, backpacks, lunch pails, thermos, etc... Please label everything and anything sent with your child.
- For safety reasons, we ask that all children wear close-toed shoes to school. Sandals and "high heeled" shoes are not allowed.
- If you are sending money to school with your child, please put it in an envelope with your child's name and what the money is for.
- Toys, stuffed animals, and blankets are not permitted at school (unless there is a special share day or toy party). All toys, stuffed animals, and blankets brought to school will be kept in my desk until the last day of school.
- To ensure success it is expected that you read with your child for at least 20 min a night. I will be sending home a reading folder home as a way to keep track of how much you and your child are reading. Along with the reading folder I will be sending home weekly homework for them to complete and return every Thursday.

Targeted activities you can do at home to help your child be ready for Level 1

- Practice writing his/her first and last name.
- Practice recognizing and writing the numbers 0 to 10 (or higher)
- Practice counting orally and practice counting objects (to 10 or higher)
- Practice book handling skills
- Practice naming and drawing the four basic shapes (circle, triangle, square, rectangle)
- Practice your phone number and address
- Practice coloring within the lines and cutting on the lines
- Recognize all or most of the letters in the alphabet (uppercase and lowercase and out of order).
- Know most or some of the letter sounds.
- Practice writing all or most of the letters of the alphabet.
- Practice left to right movement of reading and writing.
- Identify colors.
- Hold a book and turn pages correctly.
- Tell if two words rhyme.

I highly recommend your child stay all day! Though the reading and math curriculum core is taught in the morning, the majority of the afternoon is intended for student interventions in reading and math.

Level 1 Classroom Supply List

Dear Level One Parents,

Most of our classroom supplies will be considered "Community Property". However, please provide pencil boxes and label anything your child would like to keep in their pencil boxes for themselves. Also attached is our STEM supplies wish list. If there is anything on this list that you are able to donate to our class throughout the year, I would greatly appreciate it!

Thank you so much,

Ms. Dundas

L1 Instructor

1-box of crayons

2-boxes of plastic forks

1-pair of kid friendly scissors

1-box of small zip lock bags

3-packages of multi packs glue sticks

1-box of large zip lock bags

2-boxes of tissues

1-package of White board markers

2-boxes of colored pencils

1-backpack (no rolling backpacks)

2-boxes of Crayola markers

1-bottle of Elmer's glue

4-packages of Clorox disinfecting wipes

2-boxes of plastic spoons

STEM Supplies

- Toothpicks
- Straws
- Craft sticks
- Pipe cleaners
- Q-tips
- Spaghetti
- Plastic silverware
- Paper plates/bowls
- Small cups
- Coffee filters
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic wrap
- String
- Yarn
- Playing cards
- Index cards
- Scrap paper
- Newspaper
- Tissue paper
- Card stock
- Toilet paper rolls
- Paper towel rolls
- Sponges
- Water bottles
- Rubber bands
- Paperclips
- Scotch tape
- Duct tape
- Masking tape
- Marshmallow
- Gummy candies
- Sugar cubes
- Play dough
- Marbles
- Foam balls
- Ping pong balls
- Balloons
- Pennies

