**Homework**

Homework will be given most nights, Monday-Thursday. This homework should not take more than 15-20 minutes. Students who consistently forget or don’t complete homework will finish it during independent/center time or at recess. Homework will be labeled “HW” in your child’s folder. Please review the homework with your child. I do not grade homework. I assign it for practice and to give you a better idea of your child’s understanding of the material being taught in class.

**Miscellaneous**

\*Grading Scale: In Reading and Math, test grades count as 45% and daily grades count as 55% of the final average. In all other subject areas, all grades are weighted equally.

\*As soon as school gets going, I will send weekly emails with reminders of upcoming events, tests, and spelling lists.

\*I will be available on Monday afternoons from 3:15-4:00 **as needed** for extra help or conferences. We will need to plan in advance for your child to stay after school on Mondays.

\*I would like for the class to have “Fun Friday Treats.” I will send home a schedule so you will know when it is your turn. The treats do not need to be anything fancy or elaborate. A box of cookies, popsicles, cupcakes, etc… would be great. Drinks are not necessary, as each child should have a water bottle. **Let me know if you have any problems or if your child has allergies that I should know about**.

\*Students have the opportunity to earn treats from the “Treasure Box.” Any **donations** (small toys and trinkets, pencils, stickers, candy, etc…) for the Treasure Box would be greatly appreciated!

\*Our class has the following specials:

Monday- Music

Tuesday- PE (Make sure your child wears sneakers.)

Wednesday- Computer

Thursday- Art

Friday- Foreign Language and Library (Make sure to have your child’s library book in his/her book bag. I encourage them to leave the book in the book bag when not reading it so that it will never be forgotten!)

\*Religion will be taught four times a week. We will attend Mass in the new church every third Wednesday for now.

\*Lunch and recess are from 11:10-11:55.

\*Please contact me if you any questions or concerns! During the school day, please call the office at 641-2071. You may email me at jcarroll@stmaryschoolaiken.com . I don’t always have time to check my email during the school day, so if it’s timely, calling the office would be best.

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