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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I have your child in class this year, and I look forward to a year of the learning and growth that occurs in the Title 1 classroom. I also look forward to getting to know you better as the year progresses.

It is my belief that we must look upon ourselves as a team working together for the goals we desire, namely to have your child take pleasure in learning, demonstrate proficiency in reading/writing, and understand fundamental math concepts.

In my NESI Title 1 program students are engaged in reading with the ultimate goal of creating lifelong readers. Students are taught the traits of writing and the writing process through the use of quality literature. The instructional program in math allows students to discover, apply and practice mathematical principles in a variety of innovative, creative and flexible ways. These include cooperative learning activities, mental exercises, problem solving exercises, and manipulative activities including calculator and computer use. Students will be able to demonstrate their accomplishments in a supportive environment.

In order to provide the best possible learning environment for your child, we will be following the *St. Walter School Parent/Student Handbook* at all times. We will also have specific guidelines for positive behavior during Title 1 class. Students who follow the rules have the opportunity to produce quality work. All students will be learning about this plan in their first class.

### **SCHOOL/CLASSROOM GUIDELINES**

- 1. Respect yourself, others, and things.** Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. Take care of instructional materials and school facility. Always clean up after yourself.
- 2. Contribute to the learning environment.** Follow directions the first time they are given. Come to class with a pencil and assigned materials. Work quietly on projects – Use time wisely.
- 3. Follow school and classroom procedures.** Use the 15 self-discipline skills (listening, following directions, asking questions, sharing, social skills, cooperation, reasons for rules, completing a task, leadership, communication, setting time limits, resolving problems, initiating solutions, fact vs. feeling, and making sacrifices)

Students will be rewarded for their efforts and accomplishments. Rewards will include stickers and small prizes. If a student has difficulty adjusting it may be necessary for me to confer with parents.

We expect to have a productive, enjoyable Title 1 class. I am here to help your child succeed. Let's work together for that purpose. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school (773-445-8850).

Sincerely,

Sr. Susan

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. Please sign, cut along the dotted line, and have your son/daughter return the following statement to me as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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I have read the above letter regarding the Title 1 program.

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