



Room Parent Guide  
TCA North Elementary  
1st Grade

Please use the events as a guideline to the First grade school events. It is important to contact your classroom teacher to see what the classroom's needs are for each event; some events may require food or parent volunteers, while others may not. These descriptions come from past year events and how they were implemented – teachers may feel the need to alter some of the activities.

## **First Grade Events**

### **Field Trips**

Field Trips will be coordinated by your classroom teacher. Here is a tentative list –

Utility Company (TBD)

Llama Visit (March/April)

Planetarium (April)

Fountain Creek Nature Center (April)

### **Grandparent's Day**

Coordinate with your teacher any anticipated needs for this day. It is often nice to have one or two parent volunteers in the classroom to help with escorting grandparents (often they may need to use the elevator vs. the stairs), providing coffee/tea to them, answering questions. Send a class email as required. Note: The school caters a luncheon to the grandparents on this day – classes need not bring food!

### **Field Day (September)**

Field Day is early this year!!! Discuss with your classroom teacher how they would like you to help with shirts for this day. If you are doing screened shirts for your class ask your teacher to have the color and design to you as soon as possible – to allow you time to get the shirts made. How you handle this process is up to you and your teacher!

Field Day does require a lot of parent volunteer as it is a 4th-6th grade school wide half day event of outdoor games and fitness fun. The front office usually coordinates the signups for this event and will work with the RPLs and room parents to help spread the word.

### **Archeological Dig (September)**

After studying ancient history what could be more fun than an archeological dig! Talk to your teacher as to what they will need this day – setting up the dig sight and marking quadrants can be done the day before, as can burying the “ancient ruins”. Parent volunteers are very helpful and much needed for this event.

### **Ancient Egyptian Day (November) Character Dress Up Day**

The children are encouraged to dress up as simple Egyptians for the day. Each room parent should coordinate with their teacher as to what event their classroom is hosting. Some events, like the ancient handwriting performed on scrolls, require some preparation work.

### **Thanksgiving Event (November)**

First Grade Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated with a sharing Thanksgiving feast at TCA. Talk to your individual teacher as to how the day’s event will take shape, as each teacher tends to be a little different. You will need to send out a request list specifying which foods, utensils, and decorations to bring.

### **Holiday Party (December)**

Christmas is a busy time of year for many families. It's also a time to express gratitude towards your teacher and tutor. Some class room parents like to coordinate a class gift, others leave teacher/tutor gifts up to each family on an individual basis. Whatever your preference is, let the families know early – many like to shop the after Thanksgiving sales.

Christmas parties usually occur on the last day before Christmas break – discuss with your teacher what they would like to do to celebrate this holiday.

### **Valentine's Day (February)**

Coordinate with your teacher what they would like to do for this holiday. Some teacher's like to have the children decorate gift bags in the classroom and then exchange valentines, and maybe eat a small treat. Remember to send a class list of all the children's names to the parents in the class, also mention giving Valentines is totally optional – however if you give one, you must give one to everyone! Don't forget to give one to your teacher and tutor.

### **Colonial Day (April) Character Dress Up Day**

Children are encouraged to dress up in a simple Colonial Day outfit. Ask your teacher what needs to be done for this event. Parent volunteers are needed for this morning only event. So brush up on your Colonial etiquette!

### **Teacher/Tutor Birthdays**

It is always nice to recognize a teacher on their birthday. Check early to see when your teacher's birthday is – in the past some grades have had a teacher with an August and a September birthday! This activity is entirely up to the discretion of the room parent.

# Staff Appreciation Lunches

This year, TCA is introducing a new way to provide Appreciation Lunches for the teachers, tutors, and staff –is devised to make the life of a room parent easier.

Teacher Appreciation Lunches are designed for parents to show their gratitude and appreciation for all that The Classical Academy staff does for the students. It is also a time of encouragement and to show our thanks for various grade level accomplishments. Lunches are completely voluntary and are not a requirement that every parent participate. However, it provides an avenue for parents, grandparents and other staff members to express gratitude!

The staff greatly appreciates the time, talents and donations that go into the lunches!

Each grade level is assigned one month to provide lunch to the teachers, tutors and administration at TCA North Elementary. The grade level RPL will decide on the menu theme along with items that need to be furnished to create a successful lunch. A volunteer signup sheet will be distributed to all the grade level room parents who will then distribute to their room parents. As a team, the grade level RPL and room parents will work together to acquire necessary items in addition to gathering volunteers for set-up, food service (if needed) and clean up!

The date of the lunch will need to be coordinated between the RPL and the lead grade level teacher.

Lunches will usually be held in 6<sup>th</sup> grade science lab and need to feed approximately 50 staff members!

Grade Level	Month
September	Fifth Grade
October	Kindergarten
November	Fourth Grade
January	Sixth Grade
February	Second Grade
March	First Grade
April	Third Grade