

August 2026

Hello Families,

Welcome to first grade!

We can't wait to start this wonderful first grade experience with you. First grade really is a magical year filled with growth and learning. We are always truly amazed in June to see the social, academic, and emotional growth each student has made during the year. You too, will be astonished.

Below are a few notes to keep in mind before school begins at the end of the month.

To start the school year, please send the following items with your child. Please do not label.

- 24 Crayola crayons (2 boxes)
- 1 Box of Ticonderoga pencils
- Black Expo Markers - **BLACK FINE** tip point ONLY
- Elmer's glue sticks - **NO SCENTED**
- Tissues
- Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- 2 reams of white copy paper (Bring to Open House)
- 2 Yellow Highlighters

The following are individual items your child will need: (Please label with your child's name)

- **1 single subject spiral bound notebook** - Write child's name on the top right corner
- **1 pair of child Fiskar blunt tip scissors** - removed from package and labeled
- **Headphones (not wireless) -** One pair (Please **no** earbuds) You can find inexpensive ones at Five Below and Dollar Tree. Headphones **will not** be shared and will need to be labeled.
- **Reusable Water Bottle -** Please send daily with ONLY water.
- **A sturdy two-pocket folder** - This will be used as your child's home/school folder. This folder will be very important in our daily routines and should come to school every day. Please be sure to check your child's backpack each day for this folder as it will contain

notices and school work. You may also place items (notes, money, permission slips etc.) in this folder.

Other IMPORTANT information -

- How is your child getting home? It is VERY essential to know exactly how your child will be dismissed daily. Please check the bus route and email your child's teacher ***before*** the first day of school. ***This is sooooo important!**
- What is your child doing for lunch? Be sure your child knows if he/she will be getting school lunch or eating a lunch from home.
- We provide a pencil case for each child. There is no need to purchase a pencil box/bag.
- Please refrain from sending students with novelty supplies such as binders, sharpeners and decorative art materials. These items are fun, but often become a distraction. If your child brings these items to school, **they will be sent home.**

Again, we are so excited for the school year! We aim to keep the lines of communication open between parent and teacher. Our goal is to keep your child building knowledge and independence all while having loads of fun along the way! YOU are your child's most important teacher and as a parent, we greatly respect that role! Let's work together to make first grade a successful year! If you have any questions, concerns or if something "just doesn't seem right," let us know!

Enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,
The First Grade Team
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