

Welcome to First Grade

I am very excited about working with you and your child this year. I anticipate many happy, rewarding, and meaningful experiences for us as we begin first grade. Below is a list of supplies that your child will need this year:

- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons-24 count
- 24 sharpened Ticonderoga pencils
- 2 pink erasers
- 5 two pocket plastic folders (name on inside)
- 1 hard case pencil box
- 10-15 glue sticks (to be replenished as needed)
- 2 notebooks
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors
- 1 box of sandwich size Ziploc bags
- 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags
- A full size backpack - no wheels
- 1 box of tissues

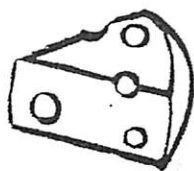
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If possible, it is best to drop off the supplies before the first day of school. It helps to have things organized and set up for when the children arrive. The building is open during the summer. Please make sure the bag of supplies is clearly marked with your child's name, grade, and teacher.
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Wish List - If you are able to send in any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated.

- 1 container of baby wipes
- 1 pack of dry erase markers

Lunch and snack

Beginning on the first day of school, we will have a daily snack. Please encourage healthy snacks with one food and one drink item. We do not allow the children to share snacks from home with others. Your child will also need a lunch everyday. They may bring a lunch from home or purchase a lunch at school. If your child brings lunch money to school, please send it in something that seals such as a wallet, change purse, envelope, or Ziploc bag with their name on it. Please do not send in loose change, it is easily lost.



Homework

Starting the second week of school, students will be receiving homework. Homework will be sent home in their folders. It is expected that your child will complete their homework and return it to school on time.

Please encourage your child to read throughout the summer. Challenge them to find words wherever they are. When your child reads, I suggest that you use some of the reading strategies that are covered in first grade. This will give them the tools they need to become successful readers.

- *use the cover to predict the story
- *check their predictions
- *point to the words as they read
- *look at the pictures for help with the words
- *sound out unfamiliar words
- *read their favorite page to you
- *look for word bits and parts
- *allow them time to self-correct their errors

Have a great summer, and please be sure to read a few good books! I will see you in September!!!!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dykas

