

Welcome to First Grade!

Welcome! I look forward to working with you and your child during the coming year. We will be strengthening our reading and writing skills, and will explore many concepts in math, social studies, and science.

A Few Procedures

1. ***The first bell rings at 8:55 A.M., and first graders will be expected to line up, ready to walk in with the class when they hear it. If they arrive after 9:00, please go through the office doors. Dismissal will be at 3:35 P.M. School will be dismissed on the last day of each week (usually Friday) at 1:00 P.M.*** Please consult the calendar (online and magnet) to see specific changes to the schedule. Please be sure that your child knows in advance how they are getting home from school each day- bus, walking, or car. Also, please be sure to list anyone who will be picking up your child on the information you fill out for the office.

We go to lunch at 11:50 M-Th and at 11:25 on Fridays (early out days).

2. If your child is learning a new bus number/stop, carpool, or walking route, ***please review and practice with them before they come to school the first day.*** This will help them feel more secure in a new situation.
3. ***Please label everything your child wears/brings to school with them (please include water bottles).*** Many coats and backpacks look the same and are forgotten in various places throughout the school year. First graders are not great at remembering all their stuff (like when it's cool in the morning and warm in the afternoon, they often forget they even brought a jacket and somehow don't recognize it at the end of the day).
4. Every week your child will bring home a blue folder. Inside you will find important school notes and your child's homework. This is also where you put notes that you are sending to school for me to read. The front of your child's folder is clear plastic. ***Please put all notes for me in that part of the folder.***
Please take a moment each week to check the folder and send the folder back to school each week with your child. I have told the

children that it is their job to make sure it is in their bag before coming to school. I feel that it is very important to have open communication daily between home and school.

5. Homework will be sent home on Monday to be returned on Friday.

Please take about 15-30 minutes each night to read with your child and help them with homework. This shows that their education is important to you and reinforces many difficult concepts that are covered in class. The Chinese homework will be sent via email and will require access to a device (computer, tablet, etc).

6. Please send a spill proof water bottle with your child to school each day (labeled with their name).

7. We love birthdays! If you would like to send a treat on your child's birthday, it must be store-bought and individually wrapped (i.e. no boxes of donuts or cupcakes). Non-food items are also great such as erasers, pencils, stickers etc.

**** Please make sure that treats do not contain tree nuts/peanuts or are processed in a facility that processes other food items with nuts.****

8. It is important that your child knows their phone number and address as a safety precaution. Please practice these two things with them as much as needed. Also, please help your child practice tying their shoes if you are going to send them in laces, otherwise please consider shoes that your child can put on without help. Practice zippers on jackets and coats too.

I look forward to a wonderful school year with you and your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. The best way to reach me is through email. I will try to respond in a timely manner, within working hours.

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Thank you,

Mrs. Hyte