

# Hello First Grade Families!

We hope this letter finds you happily enjoying your last few weeks of summer vacation! We're looking forward to the upcoming school year, and are eager to meet and work with you this year.

This year first grade will be engaging in an exciting new program, called Super-First. This means that there will be just one first grade class of 40 students, with two teachers. The benefits of a Superclass include: 40 students to TWO certified classroom teachers, 2 teacher personalities, collaborative team teaching, opportunities for increased social connections, behavior needs met immediately without instructional time lost, one teacher can lead and one can support your child and flexibility in the classroom. We are so excited to implement this structure this year. Your student is our priority, and we truly believe this format puts children first.

Your student will need to bring some supplies to enhance their learning this year. Many of these items will be community supplies, meaning we will be combining supplies and using them throughout the year. Please let us know if you need assistance in obtaining any of these items.

- Pencils (plain #2 pencils please)
- Glue Sticks
- Kleenex
- Small Box Crayons
- Markers
- Pencil Box (personal)
- One inch 3-ring binder (with view finder)
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer or 1 box disinfecting wipes

\*All students need some method of carrying papers to and from school: backpack, etc.

\*All students will need closed toe sneakers to wear on gym days.

\*If you have questions about an item, please email and we'll get back to you.

School starts Monday, August 29 at 8:25. Students can bring supplies in their backpacks on this day; we will greet you and your student on the playground. We are looking forward to meeting you and working together as a team this year!

We'll be holding a whole school Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 25 starting at 5:00. This will be a great time to meet staff, check out our swing space at Jefferson, and mingle with other first grade families. Hope to see you there!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions; we love to hear from you.

See you soon!

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