

The First Grade



Dear Parents,

What an exciting adventure we are about to embark on in First Grade! Here is some information that should be of interest to you and your child and help to make his/her transition a smooth one.

Longer Day- 7:55 to 2:07 p.m.

As your child transitions from a half-day to full day school experience, you may notice he/she is a little more tired than usual; this is normal. It may take some time to adjust (2 or 3 weeks). You can help your child be prepared for this full day by ensuring that he/she is getting enough rest. This is particularly hard when we first start back since it is light so late. It is tempting to engage in evening summer activities, but please do your best to see that your child gets to bed when he/she should.

Snack

We do have snack time at morning recess. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack. **Please, no candy, chips, or cookies.** We drink water with our snacks, so please no drinks. Students who are buying lunch should also bring a snack.

Lunch Time

Our lunchtime is 10:50-11:30. The first 20 minutes is the time for students to eat. The last 20 minutes is recess. Other classes come out to use the tables. Since this gives the children only 20 minutes to eat, they should save their visiting for recess. **Please label your child's lunch box.** This makes finding lunch boxes at the end of the day easy for the students and the teacher.

Bathroom

In first grade, we don't have bathrooms in the classroom, but they are close by. We will be taking school tours and regular bathroom breaks to allow for this transition. Children are allowed to use the bathrooms at any time during the day, but please help us by encouraging them to use them at recess time. (We will go over this at school also.)

Clothing

Although we are in school during the summer, it is sometimes cool when the children leave in the morning, and they often wear sweaters or sweatshirts. ***Please be sure all removable sweaters and coats are clearly labeled with your child's name.*** This really helps us when handing out forgotten items quickly at the end of our busy days.

Supplies

1st Grade Supply List

In lieu of providing a detailed supply list, we are asking for the following donations that we hope you can contribute to our classroom. We will do the shopping to ensure we have the needed items and make life a little easier. We will be providing the children with a pencil box, paper, paint, crayons, journals, scissors, art supplies, etc.

Please donate the following items and bring them to school with your child on the first day:

- \$25.00 cash donation
- Small glue sticks, purple Elmers works best (10 or more)
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 Clorox disinfectant wipes



*** additional items appreciated:

- Ziploc bags (all sizes)
- EXPO white board markers
- Papermate Flair colored markers
- Ticonderoga pencils- pre-sharpened packs

We hope this letter has helped to answer some of your questions. If there is anything else we can help with, don't hesitate to contact us at school. We are looking forward to another fantastic year.

The First Grade Team

*Please note: California law states that school districts must furnish the necessary supplies needed for classroom use. The items on this supply list are recommended/optional supplies. We are asking for voluntary contributions of these items from our Blue Oak families. Providing these items is voluntary. If, for any reason, parents choose not to send supplies, the necessary items will be provided for all students.