

~~~1st Grade~~~

The beginning of a new school year is a “fresh start” for students and a time to set goals for the year ahead. As you talk with your child about the expectations you share, you may wish to emphasize the IB Learner Profile which shapes the characteristics of a successful student. Such students establish goals and practice self-management skills. They make sure they have materials needed to do their work, both at home and at school. They recognize their responsibility to do their best.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and tardiness are monitored. If your child is absent, please update PUP and indicate the reason.

School doors open at 8:45 a.m. and students are expected to be in their classrooms no later than 9:00 a.m.

Tardiness and consistent absences will affect your child’s progress. **We discourage vacations while school is in session. Your child will miss valuable instructional time which cannot be made up.**

RESPONSIBILITY

We encourage your children to become responsible students! Please support the teachers by refraining from walking your child to class. If you need to speak with your child’s teacher, please contact the teacher and make an appointment. After the bell rings, the teachers are engaged in monitoring the students. Another important responsibility is getting in the habit of checking their own book bags each night to make sure they have what is needed. In 1st grade, students are responsible (with guidance) to get their own folders organized, lunches open, and backpacks ready to go home. It is helpful to work with your child over the summer on these skills.

SNACK

Students will have 15 minutes each morning to have a snack in the classroom. Children should bring their own snack from home. The snacks should be NUT FREE. Here are some quick healthy snack suggestions: fruit or vegetable slices, yogurt, crackers, goldfish, granola bar, cheese sticks, or raisins. Only water bottles are allowed for snack time. Please practice with your child how to open and close food containers and wrappers. This will help during snack and also lunch.

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES STUDENTS WILL NEED:

- **Each student:** a durable pencil box that will hold all items, 5 **sharpened** pencils (preferably Ticonderoga), 1 glue stick, a pair of scissors, 1 large eraser, 1 box of **crayons**. Please pack the pencil box ready to go for the first day of school! They also need a water bottle with a secure top.
- **To be given to the teacher:** a package of Expo markers, disinfecting wipes, a box of tissues, 5 glue sticks, pack of scissors for the class.
- **Each homeroom teacher will provide a homework folder, classroom folders, and notebooks to begin the year.**



Thank you,
The First Grade Team