

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to First Grade in Ms. Vega's class at John Muir Elementary School! I am looking forward to meeting you and your child in order to build a positive home-school connection.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL is on Tuesday, July 29th

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am and students can enter through the side door near the parking lot to the cafeteria. A staff member will walk students to their classrooms after breakfast.

Our classroom is B2. School gates open at 8:20 am and class starts at 8:30 am. Students will enter through the front gate or through the back gate by the park to go to their classrooms. Please be prepared to say goodbye to your First Grader at the gate.

During dismissal time at 2:35, I will walk students to the front gate. Please be sure that your child is aware of the pick up plan after school (who will pick them up, wait for siblings, etc). It is really important to **follow all after school pick up procedures for safety reasons.** If you are walking to the gate to pick up your child, please park your car in the lot or on the side of the street and use the sidewalk. If your child has an older sibling in grades 4th-6th, they can wait at the front gate with their siblings. Also, please let me know if your child will be going to the after school program. For late pick-ups (after 2:50 pm), those students will be waiting in the office.

**Students will need to bring the following items
(other supplies will be provided in class)**

- ☐ BACKPACK (please do not send backpacks with wheels)
- ☐ 2 PLASTIC FOLDERS (no BINDERS please)
- ☐ Headphones (will live in the classroom)
- ☐ CHROMEBOOK and CHARGER
- ☐ WATER BOTTLE

It is very important that students bring their **charged Chromebook and charger to school everyday** as we will be using the Chromebooks daily. Students will also need to use their Chromebooks at home because learning apps will be assigned as homework.

I also HIGHLY RECOMMEND students wear **velcro or slip on shoes to school** (no open toe shoes) to avoid accidents and/or distractions.

This year, our class will be using an app called DOJO for our parent-teacher communication. It can be accessed through your smartphone or your computer. DOJO is a great way for you to receive class updates and send private messages to me. You can also contact me through my email at ovega@lodiussd.net.

Thank you in advance for your flexibility and patience as I hope to make your child's transition to First Grade as smooth as possible. I am very excited to meet and get to know all of my new First Graders!

Ms. Vega