

8-8-25

Dear First Grade Families,

What a wonderful first week we've had in 1st grade! Your children have already begun settling into their new routines, and we've truly enjoyed getting to know them. This week has been filled with team-building activities, classroom routines, crafts, read-alouds, and lots of smiles as we've kicked off the school year together.

Throughout the week, we've focused on learning our school-wide PBIS expectations and daily procedures. Ask your child about the expectations in different parts of the building — they've done a great job learning how to be safe, respectful, and responsible at Northwood!

Student binders will start coming home today and it includes the Friday folder and agenda. Please check your child's agenda daily and sign it. Papers and flyers will come home once a week in the Friday folder.

I truly believe that when school and home work together, children thrive. We are a team, and I'm so thankful to have your partnership this year. Your support and communication are so important, and I'm always here to help in any way I can.

Lunch & Snack Reminders

First grade has an early lunch at 11:40. Please make sure your child eats a good, healthy breakfast at home each morning. Also, don't forget to pack:

- A healthy snack that can be eaten quickly and independently.
- A refillable water bottle, labeled with your child's name.

Ice Cream Purchases

The cafeteria sells ice cream and while it's available daily, our first-grade team allows purchases on Fridays only. This helps limit sugar crashes and keeps learning focused. It also gives our kiddos something fun to look forward to each week!

If you prefer that your child be allowed to buy ice cream on other days, just send me an email to let me know. Otherwise, we'll stick with Fridays only for the whole class.

Important note: To purchase ice cream or snacks, money must be in your child's General cafeteria account (not their Meal account).

Cafeteria Birthday Celebration

We can help you celebrate your child's birthday with his/her classmates by allowing the purchase of ice-cream for \$1.00 per child. Please go online and add money to your child's GENERAL LUNCH account based on the number of students in the classroom. Then email your child's teacher and the cafeteria manager lopezb3@fultonschools.org to let us know what date you would like to celebrate it. We will take care of the rest.

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent, please email northwoodattendance@fultonschools.org with the reason and any doctor's notes.

Greg Tang – Tangy Tuesday Fun!

Thanks to our amazing Northwood Foundation, we'll be using engaging math resources from Tang Math this year! Each weekly email will include a Tangy Tuesday Puzzle Pack for optional at-home use. These fun, game-based activities help build number sense and problem-solving skills — we hope your family enjoys them!

Curriculum Peek: What's Coming Next Week

Math (first):

- Rote counting forward and backward to 25
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- Learning how to work in centers and small groups

Math (second):

- Use mental math strategies to add and subtract (using doubles facts, counting on and making ten)

Reading & Phonics:

- Identifying story characters
- Retelling stories in order
- Practicing short vowel sounds (focusing on short a)

Writing:

- Respond to the text, Nat and Sam, using text evidence

- Write complex sentences

Social Studies:

- Labeling the 7 Continents
- Labeling the 4 main oceans

Student Success Skills:

 [Student Success Skills Parent Packet 25-26SY English.pdf](#)

 [Student Success Skills Parent Packet 25-26SY Spanish.pdf](#)

Reminders

- Please send a healthy snack and labeled water bottle every day.
- Sign your child's agenda each night.
- Help your child remember to return library books.
- Make sure to wear gym shoes on PE days.

Thank you for such a fantastic start to the year! It's been a joy to see your children's bright smiles each day, and we're just getting started. If you ever have questions or want to connect, my inbox is always open. Here's to a joyful, successful year together!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmly,

First Grade