

1st GRADE

August 2025

Dear First Grade Families,

Hello! My name is Claire Melvin, and I will be your first grader's teacher this year. I hope your summer has been filled with playing, resting, and reading! I am really looking forward to an exciting year of learning and discovery with your child. We will work on becoming stronger readers and writers, increasing our skills and strategies as mathematicians, and exploring many exciting social studies and science topics such as "Schools Long Ago" and animal traits. I have included some helpful tips to get the year off to a smooth start, as well as a list of suggested school supplies.

Dismissal: Your child will receive an "***O-fish-al First Grader***" ***dismissal tag*** on the first day of school. Please affix this tag to your child's backpack. That tag must be worn every day during the first few weeks of school to ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal. You will need to provide the following information on the name tag:

- ✓ your child's first and last name
- ✓ your child's class (1M)
- ✓ your child's dismissal procedure for each day of the week

If your child will ***not*** be taking the bus home, please email me by August 29 to let me know your child's dismissal procedure (i.e. car rider, after care program, etc.). If I do not hear from you, your child will be sent home on the bus assigned on Parent Portal.

For your child's safety, I will never change your child's dismissal procedure WITHOUT written permission from you (note or email) or a phone call to our office staff (267-893-4050).

Snack: We will have a daily snack. Please send one or two nutritious snack items and a reusable and **resealable** water bottle each day. Please do not send juice or milk for snack because they create sticky messes in the classroom.

Lunch: Eating lunch in the cafeteria is very exciting for first graders! If your child is packing a lunch, please label it with your child's first and last name and 1M. If your child is purchasing lunch, please send money in an envelope or bag labeled with your child's name and 1M. I highly recommend using My School Bucks to create an account for your child to use in the lunchroom. Follow this [link](#) to check it out. In the beginning of the year, I will remain with the class to assist them with buying lunch.

Spare Clothes: Please pack a full change of clothes in a gallon-sized Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. These clothes may be needed if your child has an accident, goes down a wet slide, or slips in mud. *Clothes will remain in your child's backpack for emergency use.*










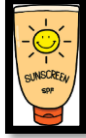

Supplies: Please see my suggested supply list below. Thank you for your help in collecting these items!

I am truly looking forward to getting to know your child and working with you as a partner in your child's education this year. Together we can ensure that your child has a wonderful first grade experience. Please feel free to email me at cmelvin@cbsd.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Claire Melvin



Mrs. Melvin's First Grade School Supply List

Quantity	Item	Picture
1 pack	Expo Whiteboard Markers, Fine Tip Set of 4 (Black only)	
1	Headphones Placed in Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. The headphones will be used with iPads. <u>Please avoid earbuds or Bluetooth/rechargeable headphones.</u>	
2	Sturdy, plastic 2-pocket folders Labeled with your child's name 1 red 1 yellow	
1	Paint Smock Any old adult-sized shirt will do the trick! Please use a permanent marker to label it with your child's name.	
1	Reusable Water Bottle We do not have water fountains in our classrooms. Please be sure this water bottle is leak-proof to help prevent classroom spills.	
1	Change of Clothes Please put a complete change of clothes including socks and underwear in a gallon Ziplock style bag labeled with your child's name. These will be used for toileting accidents or getting wet/muddy at recesses.	
*1	Optional: If your child's last name begins with A – L, please send in... Disinfecting Wipes OR Baby Wipes	
*1	Optional: If your child's last name begins with M – Z, please send in... Hand Sanitizer	
*1	Optional: Box of Tissues	
*1	Optional: Non-Aerosol Sunscreen Please seal sunscreen in a Ziplock bag labeled with your child's name and 1M. To be used before recesses to help protect your child's skin. <u>You will need to complete this permission form.</u>	
*1	Optional: Bucket Hat or Baseball Cap Labeled with your child's name. To be used during recesses to help protect your child's skin. It will be kept in your child's backpack or classroom cubby.	

Thank you so much for generously collecting and sending these items to school!