

Dear First Grade Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful break and are excited to begin our adventure together. We will be learning all kinds of new things in reading, writing, math, science, art, and more! This is a year for your child to gain confidence, independence, and self-esteem in all social and academic areas. I can't wait to meet your children on the first day of school and meet you at Back-To-School night that evening.

Teacher/Parent communication is very important to me, so I would like to create a class email list as soon as possible. Please send me an email ***the week before school starts*** at aswagert@fcusd.org and include your child's name (and nickname if different from the name on record) along with parent name(s). Also, let me know if your child will be going to Student Care or riding a day care bus after school. Otherwise, let me know who will be picking them up at school. I will add your addresses to a group email list that I will use weekly to send classroom news and updates. **Please send an email before the first day of school**. This will ensure you are kept up to date with classroom events and notices.

The first day of school is Thursday, August 6th and I look forward to seeing you then. Students will arrive on the primary playground (by the big rock). For the first two days, parents may accompany their children on campus to help ease the transition into the new school year.

We need a lot of materials to support learning in the classroom, so if you are able to donate the following items for your child to use throughout the year it would be greatly appreciated.
These are some supplies that we will use for our class in your child's desk.
These items should be labeled with their name and placed in the pencil box:

1. a **small plastic** pencil box for inside their desk – around 5"x8"x2"
2. a pack of 24 Crayola crayons or Twistables
3. a pair of child's scissors
4. a large Pink Pearl eraser
5. 2-3 sharpened pencils
6. 1 black fine point Sharpie marker
7. Coloring Book (does not need to fit in the pencil box!)
   Please pack separately (all labeled with your child's name):
8. Backpack (large enough to fit the Fox Folder and lunch box)
9. Water bottle
10. Lunch box
11. a set of earphones in a bag (please make sure they fit and are comfortable for little ears, no earbuds) labeled with their name.

Please do not label the following items with your child's name. Please place these items in a grocery bag and tell your child that I will be collecting the following items the first day or week of school to be distributed as needed. Sometimes, they can get upset about handing items over on the first day. Thank you!

1. 12-24 glue sticks
2. 24 sharpened Ticonderoga pencils (they are the best and break much less frequently)
3. Box of Kleenex
4. Unscented baby wipes
5. 2 Black Sharpie fine point markers
6. One pact of Expo black fine tip white board markers
7. Ream of white copy paper
8. Box of Band-Aids

In addition, we could use the following items donated to our classroom: Ziploc bags – gallon and sandwich size, hand sanitizer (unscented), boxes of Kleenex, boxes of Band-Aids, baby wipes (unscented), black fine tip Expo white board markers, and bulk supply of glue sticks. We use a lot of glue sticks!! These can be donated throughout the year as well.

On the first day of school, please make sure your child knows who is picking him/her up after school and where (Student Care, daycare pick up, or parent pick up). Please pack a separate healthy snack daily and let your child know that he/she has a snack and where it is in their backpack for easy access. It is also important for each child to have a reusable/non-spill water bottle labeled with their name.

In the beginning of the school year, the second full week of school, we will be having minimum days to allow for individual assessment. School will begin at 8:15 and dismissal will be at 1:21 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On all Thursday, continuing through the entire school year, we will be having early dismissal days. School will begin at 8:15 and dismissal will be at 1:15. More information on the schedule and assessments will be provided later.

When we begin our regular schedule, August 17th, school will begin at 8:15 and dismissal will be at 2:45 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Every Thursday there will be an early dismissal day, 8:15-1:15.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, aswagert@fcusd.org.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Ms. Swagerty