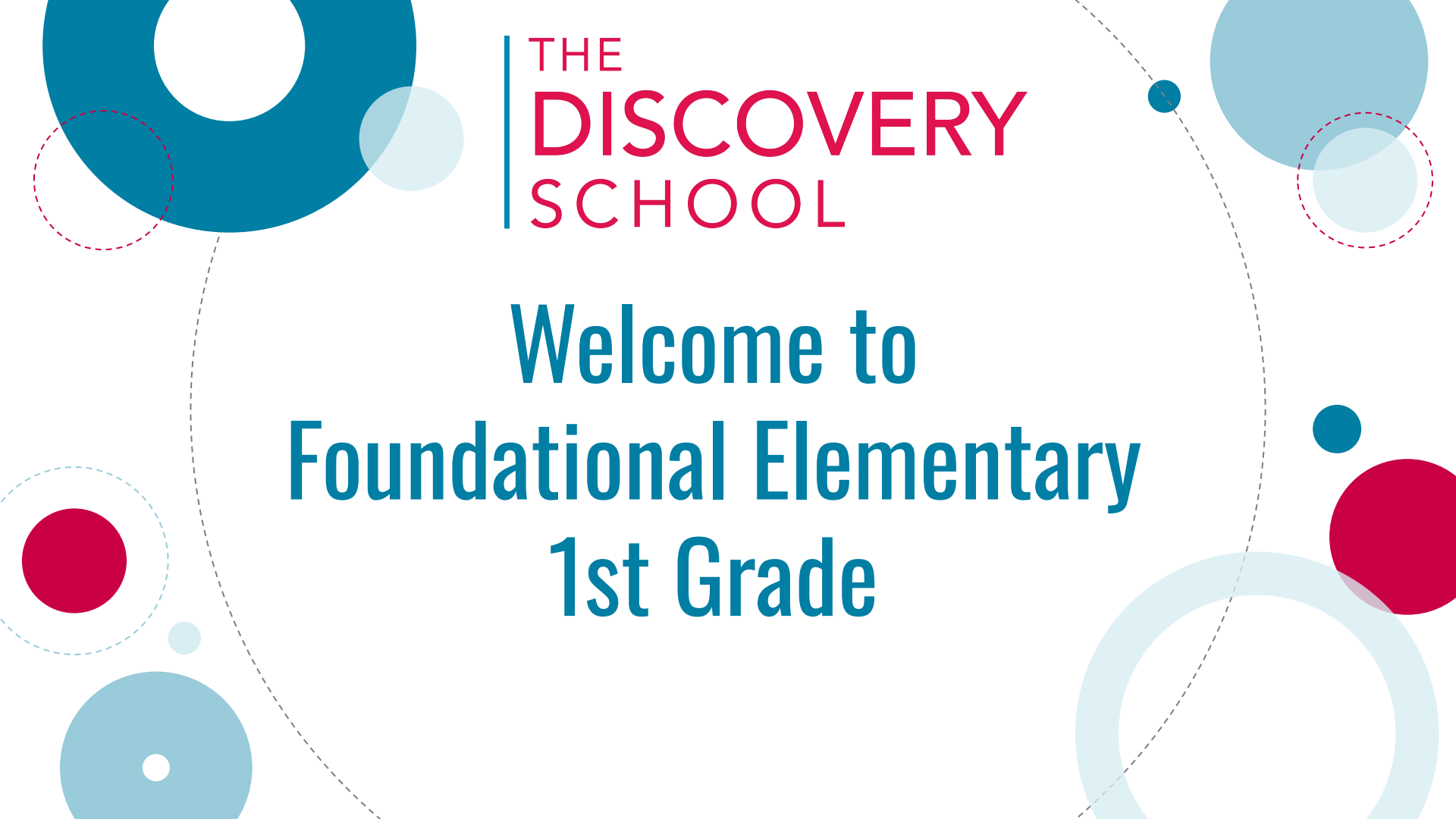




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Welcome to
Foundational Elementary
1st Grade

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Our Mission

“We open our minds and hearts so we can discover the knowledge and ideals to build a better world.”



Our FE Team

- ★ Ms. Kelly Gallagher
- ★ Ms. Kelsey Swartout
- ★ Ms. Lori Price
- ★ Ms. Courtney Shine

Hello!

Dear Families,

Welcome to Foundational Elementary! As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are very excited to form a parent-school partnership with you. While we love teaching, we love the relationships we form with our students and their families even more. We know that this partnership is essential to a successful school year.

As you begin your summer vacation, please take a moment to look through the information provided. Summer is the perfect time for students to engage in fun academic-based activities to help maintain and refine previously learned skills.

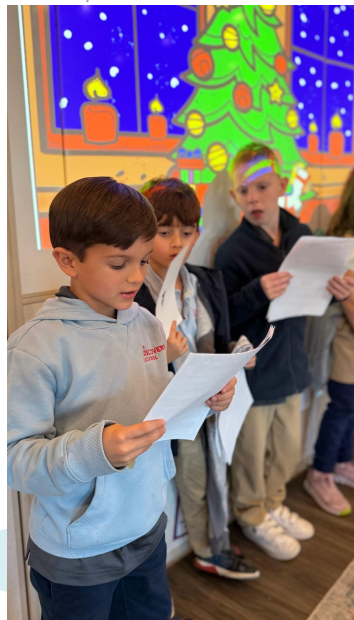
Have a wonderful, restful summer. We look forward to working with you and your child this upcoming year!

Kindly,
The Foundational Elementary Team

Here are some of the new and exciting things students will do next year

IB PYP Units of Inquiry

FE units explore many exciting topics. We will learn about weather, our family heritage, the environment, and our community.



Day Trips and Guest Speakers



FE students go on a field trip in the Fall and in the Spring.
The trips enhance learning by connecting units of inquiry to real life experiences.



Dolphin Days and other whole-school events



Monthly assemblies help develop school spirit, and students learn how to work together in friendly competitions.



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More whole-class lessons



Students start every day learning how to become a better learning community together.



FE students have math lessons every day. They explore math material, discuss strategies, and solve problems.



In guided reading groups, students gain fluency and comprehension skills working in small groups at their reading level.

Discovery students strive to be independent learners.

Some of the skills you will practice next year include:

- Initiate tasks immediately after instructions are given.
- Organize materials in class and prepare materials to be taken home.
- Build stamina while working on a directed academic task (reading, writing, math).
- Collaborate with others on group projects (both short-term and long-term).
- Begin to use technology for the purpose of learning.

Summer Language Arts Learning

Read, read, read, and read some more

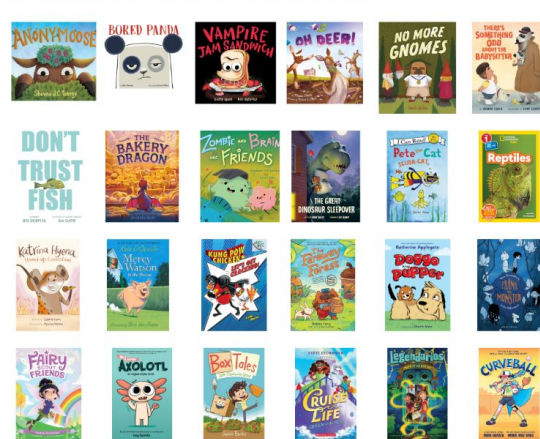
Good Books for First Graders

Check out the Summer Reading List for recommended books. This list can help guide you towards some engaging books for your child. We've also provided a Summer Reading Bingo page that can be used to help motivate your child to read. We encourage you to read to your child as this helps build their vocabulary, model fluency, and instill a general love of reading.

Keep a Journal

Keep a journal that includes experiences, activities, photographs, and adventures you and your family take over the summer.

Summer Reading List



Summer Math Learning

Talk About Numbers in Practical Situations

Card games and board games that develop math skills:

- ★ [Card Games ideas](#) 

Book Recommendations

- ★ [Table Talk Math](#)
- ★ [Let's cook and measure together.](#)

A few App options:

- ★ NCTM Apps: KenKen, Pick-a-Path, Deep Sea Duel, Okta's Rescue
- ★ [13 Top Math Apps](#)
- ★ [DuoLingo Math](#)

FE Supply List



Personal Items (all labeled with child's first and last name):

- A backpack
- A lunchbox
- [A reusable water bottle](#) (Please no glass or collapsible bottles)
- [Headphones stored in a labeled zip-lock bag](#) (Please no earbuds or Bluetooth headphones)
- A plastic pencil box (8.5"W x 5.5"L x 2.5"H)
- One box of 24 colored pencils
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors
- One package of **fine-tip black EXPO** brand dry erase markers (Please no eraser caps)
- One package of Elmer's glue sticks
- One box of pre-sharpened Ticonderoga pencils
- Clipboard
- Two boxes of 24 crayons

Hyperlinks for supplies are provided for clarity and/or convenience if families prefer to order online.

Dress Code

General information

Students enrolled in the Foundational Elementary program are required to wear uniforms.

- These uniforms may be purchased from [Lands' End](#) using school number **900064593**. Once you enter the school number, all approved items will be displayed for you to order.
- All tops (shirts, blouses, cardigans, sweaters, even dresses) must display the school logo.
- You may also request the school logo (admissions@thediscoveryschool.org) and add embroidery to tops you purchase.
- Bottoms (shorts, pants, and skirts) may be bought from anywhere as long as they are approved school colors.

Guidelines

- School colors for polo shirts are Blue, White, Maize, and Gray.
- School colors for pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers, etc. are khaki, navy, and gray.
- Outer garments such as jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts that are worn in the classroom must be school colors. Any non-Discovery logo on the apparel must be smaller than a business card.
- **We strongly encourage you to label your child's attire with their first name and last initial.**

Sweatshirts, sweaters, and hoodies must be plain white, navy, or grey. School logo is required. Other logos are not allowed.



Polo colors include white, blue, maize, and heather gray. Rapid dry polo colors include blue, soapstone and white. School logo is required.



Tshirt colors include white and heather gray. School logo is required.



Shorts colors include navy, white, khaki, and grey. Shorts must be at least mid-thigh length. Shorts worn under dresses/skirts can be any color as long as they are not visible when the child is standing.



Skirts colors include navy, white, khaki, and grey. Skirts must be at least mid-thigh length and have shorts worn underneath.



Pants colors include navy, white, khaki, and grey. Sweatpants, joggers, yoga pants, gym shorts, and jeans are not permitted.



Leggings colors are navy, white, khaki, and grey. Students in 1st-8th grade may wear leggings or tights in instead of shorts when wearing dresses or skirts. Leggings or tights may not be worn as pants.



Several dress options are available on Land's End. Dresses must be at least mid-thigh length and have shorts worn underneath.



All shoes must be closed toe and cover the foot, with socks worn. Shoes should either tie or Velcro snugly. No flip-flops, thongs, jellies, or sandals



Other Important Information

Arrival/Dismissal

Please note the arrival time for Elementary students is between 8:00 am and 8:15 am, and **we begin promptly at 8:15 am each day**. If a student arrives after 8:15, please sign them in at the front office, and a staff member will walk them to class. In the carline, a teacher will open the car door and greet your child. Please be sure to remain in your vehicle at all times as a safety precaution and courtesy to others. As a reminder, questions or concerns should be addressed with teachers outside of pick-up/drop-off times.



Snack and Lunch

Students are encouraged to bring a nutritious, low-sugar snack and lunch. There will be an option to pre-purchase lunch from local restaurants through our school lunch program. They will also need a reusable water bottle that they will be encouraged to refill throughout the day.

Open House

Open House will be on Tuesday, August 11th. You will receive the Open House schedule at the beginning of August. This time will allow you to visit our classroom and familiarize yourself with the campus. It is optional for you to drop off any labeled and unpacked classroom supplies at that time.



We can't wait to see you
in the new school year!

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