



GRISWOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Griswold Elementary School Families,

Welcome Back to a new school year! We hope your summer has been filled with joy and relaxation. As we prepare to open a new school year, we believe that a strong partnership between home and school is the foundation of student success, and we are honored to grow alongside your children as we embark on this 2026-2027 school year together.

At GES, we remain committed to providing an inclusive and engaging environment where every child feels seen, valued, and safe. Therefore, our conversations about respect, care, inclusiveness, integrity, responsibility, and courage will continue. These discussions, using the "Kindness in the Classroom" program ([The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation](#)), help our students develop the essential social and emotional skills they need to thrive at school and home. In addition, they empower our students to be successful not only in their academic pursuits but also as compassionate, thoughtful Griswold citizens who will contribute positively to our community.

We appreciate your partnership. Together, we can make this a year full of discovery, kindness, and success. Please look for future communications, including teacher welcome letters, supply lists, and important dates from the classroom.

Orientation

- Please join us in the cafeteria for Kindergarten Orientation: Wednesday, August 26th @ 2:00 PM. A GES building map will be available at the main entrance.
- You can then visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. You may bring your child's school supplies at this time. You'll also have an opportunity to tour a school bus.
- Please consider joining us for Popsicles on the Playground (3:00-5:00 PM). Thank you, GES PTO.

We encourage families to celebrate the remaining days of summer vacation with the joy of learning at home by participating in two exciting statewide initiatives:

- The Governor's Summer Reading Program ([Connecticut Reads](#)). Helps students maintain and grow their reading skills over the summer months. Please send in their completed reading log by September 25 so we can celebrate their achievement!



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- The Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge ([Connecticut Summer Math Challenge](#)) supports mathematical thinking and problem-solving throughout the summer. Students who completed math challenges can also submit their passport booklet by September 25.

Start-of-School Details

- First day of school: Thursday, August 27
- School hours: 8:40 AM – 3:10 PM
- Please label your child's personal items (backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets) so we can help return lost items quickly.
- Visit the GES website for the school calendar, bus information, menus, and supply lists: [Griswold Elementary School](#)

We are looking forward to a year full of discovery, kindness, and shared success and cannot wait to see everyone on the first day of school on Thursday, August 27! It's going to be a fantastic year ahead.

With gratitude and excitement,

Mr. Bordeau and Ms. Love