

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade! I am very excited to be your child’s teacher this upcoming school year and begin a fun-filled year of discovery and learning with him/her.

I have included some helpful information below for the beginning of school. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. **I will continue to communicate any other helpful information via email, so please make sure that your email address is up to date in Infinite Campus.**

<p><b>Name Tag</b></p>	<p>Please write your child’s dismissal information (including bus # if applicable) on the nametag I provide in the mail. Your child should wear his/her nametag each day during the first week of school. This helps all of us in making sure your child gets to where he/she needs to go. Also, please let me know if your child prefers a different nickname than the one on the nametag.</p>
<p><b>Snack &amp; Lunch</b></p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> grade has a late lunch; therefore, we will be having 2 healthy snack breaks. Please send in a hearty and healthy snack and water bottle every day (ESPECIALLY on the days that your child is buying... it’s easy to forget!) Some students tend to have a hard time discriminating between what is their “lunch” and their “snack” ... it may be a good idea to pack these separately (ex. lunch box/brown bag) and point this difference out to your child 😊 <b><u>Please make sure that your child is able to open and close all snack and lunch items independently.</u></b></p>
<p><b>Supply Drop-Off and BTSN</b></p>	<p>You and your 1<sup>st</sup> grader are welcome to drop off supplies in late August (date and time TBD.) If you are not able to make that date, feel free to send in the supplies during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school. 1<sup>st</sup> grade Back to School Night is slated for Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.</p>
<p><b>Communication</b></p>	<p>I believe that communication is key between home and school for your child to be successful. You will see that I tend to communicate as much as possible through e-mails, weekly newsletters, and Seesaw. (Seesaw is an online student journal and communication tool that I will use quite often. It is an amazing way for you to stay connected and see your 1<sup>st</sup> grader in action! Stay tuned for information on how you can connect to your child’s journal.) Feel free to contact me via phone (267)893-3900 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:KEckenrode@cbsd.org">KEckenrode@cbsd.org</a> should you ever have any questions or concerns.</p>

I am looking forward to a fantastic year working with you and your child!

Sincerely,

Kathy Eckenrode

