

We're Going Back To School



Summer 2019

Dear First Graders and Families,

Welcome to first grade! I am looking forward to a great year with each one of you. There is so much to learn and discover in first grade, and I can't wait to get started. I'm looking forward to meeting each of you soon, but I wanted to give you some important information that will make the transition to first grade a little easier.

This letter will provide you with some important information for the first few weeks of first grade. I will be discussing our first-grade procedures, curriculum, and expectations in more detail during our **Back-to-School Night on Monday, September 9th at 7PM.**

Please make sure you consult the first-grade supply list. If you'd like to help, it's always nice to have a few extras for our classroom.

Wish List Items:

- Dry erase markers
- Erasers
- Hand sanitizer
- Glue sticks
- Kid scissors
- #2 pencils
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers or skinny tip markers
- Crayola crayons

Lunch and Snack

A convenient option is to set up a lunch account through the CB website. The link can be found here [ONLINE ACCOUNT SETUP](#). This way your child won't need to carry any money, and it helps the lunch line move more quickly allowing the children more time to eat. I highly recommend this option! If you don't want to use the website, you may send in a check or cash to be placed into your child's lunch account at Linden. **Please send any lunch money in a sealed, labeled envelope or change purse so it will not be lost.**

A snack break has been planned each day to help your child give his/her best performance throughout the morning. We ask that you pack a **healthy** snack and a drink for your child each day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND PEANUT BUTTER/NUT SNACKS DUE TO POSSIBLE ALLERGIES.** (These products are fine to eat for lunch in the cafeteria.) We may eat as late as 1:30, so please take that into consideration when you plan for the size/content of your child's lunch and snack.

Dismissal

On the first day of school, please be sure your child is wearing a nametag. On the nametag, please write your child's name and the way he/she will be going home during the school year (bus #2, walker, car rider, etc...). **If there is ever a change to your child's dismissal (including the first day of school), please write a note/e-mail of explanation.** It is important to know that we may NOT send a child home a different way based only on a verbal report from a child. Also, district policy prevents children from riding a school bus other than their own.

Toys/Electronics

As you may guess, toys and electronics become a distraction, and they can be easily broken or misplaced. **Children should bring toys, electronics, stuffed animals, or trading cards to school.** Your child will have the chance to share some of his/her treasures in a "Guess and Show" game when it is his/her turn to be "Star of the Week."

Birthdays

Birthdays are exciting events in first grade. Please be aware that due to the district's commitment to focusing on healthy eating and wellness, as well as our commitment to being mindful of food allergies, Linden will not be allowing any food treats for birthdays. Students may bring in pencils, stickers, bookmarks, or make a book donation to the library, etc. if they wish to share a treat with the class. Also, we ask that party invitations are not handed out at school unless your child is inviting the entire class.

Attendance

If your child is absent, please remember to send a note/e-mail to school explaining the reason for the absence. E-mails should be sent to pmuir@cbsd.org, as well as your child's teacher.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Student Meet and Greet: Thursday, August 29th 2:00-3:00PM

(Consider stopping by to meet me, get a peek of your new classroom, and drop off your supplies!)

First Day of School: Tuesday, September 3rd

Back-to-School-Night: Monday, September 9th at 7:00 PM

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. I'll be busy getting our room ready for the exciting upcoming school year. **Please make sure you open my second letter to your child. It contains a fun assignment your child can do over the summer. Please have your child bring the assignment to school on September 3rd.** It will help us get to know one another as we begin our year. Thank you in advance for your support. I know we will have a wonderful year!



Sincerely,
Maria Shinkunas