

1st GRADE

August 2020

Dear First Grade Families,

Hello! My name is Claire Melvin, and I will be your first grader's teacher this year. However, I will be on maternity leave for the first trimester. My husband and I welcomed our second child, a little girl, into our family on June 2nd. We have spent our summer splashing in our water table, coloring almost inside the lines, building with Legos, taking lots of walks, and changing countless diapers! I hope your family's summer has been safe and healthy as well as filled with time together.

I really look forward to an exciting year of learning and discovery with your child. We will work on building our social and emotional skills by exploring our emotions, identifying ways to manage our emotions, practicing problem solving skills, and continuing to develop our resiliency. We will work on becoming stronger readers and writers, increasing our skills and strategies as mathematicians, and exploring many interesting social studies and science topics such as "My School and Family" and weather. In first grade, we will have the opportunities to participate in Art, Music, Library, QUEST, and Physical Education. I have included a list of suggested school supplies below.

Please feel free to email me at cmelvin@cbsd.org if you have any questions or concerns. It will be my pleasure to get to know your child and to work with your family this year. Together, we can ensure that your child has a magnificent first grade experience.

Sincerely,

Claire Melvin



School Supply List for Mrs. Melvin's Class

**** Please clearly label all items coming to school with your child's name as supplies will not be shared this year.****

Quantity	Item	Picture
2	Masks (Asking for two in case one is soiled during the day.)	
1	Reusable Water Bottle	
1	Hand Sanitizer (Will be kept at your child's desk.)	
1 pack	Touch Screen Stylus Pack <u>Compatible with an iPad and does not need to be charged.</u> (These make writing on an iPad as well as interacting with lessons easier. We recommend having a few on hand as the tips can be delicate.)	
1	Headphones <i>Optional: Headphones with a Microphone</i> <u>Compatible with an iPad jack.</u> (Placed in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. The headphones will be used with iPads through the day.)	
1	Optional: Blue Light Glasses	
1	Manual Pencil Sharpener	
1	Red 2-pocket Folder (A sturdy plastic folder is preferred as they hold up best through the year.)	
1 pack	Crayola Washable Markers, Fine Tip 8 count	
1	Clean Sock or Expo Marker Eraser	

1	<p align="center">Personal Pack or Small Box of Tissues (Will be kept in your child's desk.)</p>	
1	<p>Bucket Hat or baseball cap labeled with your child's name and 1M. (To be used during recesses to help protect your child's skin. It will be kept in your child's desk.)</p>	
1	<p align="center">Non-Aerosol Sunscreen (Used before recesses to help protect your child's skin.) <i>If you send sunscreen, your child will need to apply it independently. Your child will be taught how to do this.</i> To eliminate leaks in your child's desk, please seal sunscreen in a Ziplock slider bag labeled with your child's name and 1M.</p>	
1	<p align="center">Paint Smock (Any oversized shirt will do the trick. Please use a permanent marker to label it with your child's name and 1M.)</p>	
1	<p align="center">Optional Donation: Lysol or Clorox Wipes</p>	

Thank you so much for generously collecting and sending these items to school!