



June 2023

Dear First Grade Families,

Hello! My name is Claire Melvin, and I will be your first grader's teacher this year. I hope your summer is off to a fantastic start! I am really looking forward to an exciting year of learning and discovery with your child. We will work on becoming stronger readers and writers, increasing our skills and strategies as mathematicians, and exploring many exciting social studies and science topics such as "Schools Long Ago" and weather. I have included some helpful tips to get the year off to a smooth start as well as a list of suggested school supplies.

Dismissal: Please follow this [link](#) to let me know how your child will be getting home from school on the first day.

On the first day of school, your child will receive an ***"O-fish-al First Grader" dismissal tag*** that must be worn **every day** during the first few weeks of school to ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal. I recommend pinning it to your child's backpack.

You will need to provide the following information on the name tag:

- ✓ your child's first and last name
- ✓ your child's class (1 Melvin or 1M)
- ✓ your child's dismissal procedure for each day of the week

For your child's safety, I will never change your child's dismissal procedure WITHOUT written permission from you (note or email).

Snack: We will have a daily snack. Please send a nutritious snack and reusable water bottle each day. Additional information will be provided about food allergies that will need to be considered when packing snacks.

Lunch: Eating lunch in the cafeteria is very exciting for first graders! If your child is packing a lunch, please label it with your child's first and last name and 1M. If your child is purchasing lunch, please send money in an envelope or bag labeled with your child's name and 1M. In the beginning of the year, I will remain with the class to assist the with buying lunch.

Spare Clothes: Please pack a change of clothes in a gallon-sized Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. These clothes may be needed if your child has an accident, goes down a wet slide, or slips in mud. Clothes will remain in your child's backpack for emergency use.

Supplies: See suggested supply list below. Thank you for your help in collecting these items!

I am truly looking forward to getting to know your child and working with you as a partner in your child's education this year. Together we can ensure that your child has a wonderful first grade experience. Please feel free to email me at cmelvin@cbsd.org if you have any questions or concerns.







Sincerely,

Claire Melvin

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School Supply List for Mrs. Melvin's Class

Quantity	Item	Picture
1 pack	Crayola Washable Markers, Fine Tip 8 or 10 count Large sets are too difficult to store.	
1	Headphones Placed in Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. The headphones will be used with iPads. The simpler the headphone, the better.	
2	Sturdy, plastic 2-pocket folders Labeled with your child's name 1 red 1 yellow	
1	Paint Smock Any old adult-sized shirt will do the trick! Please use a permanent marker to label it with your child's name and 1M.	
*1	Optional: If your child's last name begins with A – L, please send in... Disinfecting Wipes OR Baby Wipes	
*1	Optional: If your child's last name begins with M – Z, please send in... Hand Sanitizer	
*1	Optional: Box of Tissues	
*1	Optional: Non-Aerosol Sunscreen Please seal sunscreen in a Ziplock bag labeled with your child's name and 1M. To be used before recesses to help protect your child's skin. <u>You will need to complete this permission form.</u>	
*1	Optional: Bucket Hat or Baseball Cap Labeled with your child's name. To be used during recesses to help protect your child's skin. It will be kept in your child's backpack.	

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