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Dear First Grade Families,

Hello! My name is Kelley Dougherty and I will be your child's first grade teacher this year. We'll 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 weather and communities. I have included some helpful tips to get the year off to a smooth start as well as a list of suggested school supplies.

Here are some helpful tips for the start of first grade:

**Dismissal:** *Please fill out the survey I send in August indicating dismissal procedure. Otherwise, on the first day of school, please send in a note OR email me (prior to the first day), specifying how your child should go home that day. If I do not receive a note, our office staff will need to contact you to determine how your child should be dismissed.*

Your child will receive an **"O-fish-al First Grader" dismissal tag** on the first day of school 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 Dougherty or 1DO)
- ✓ 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:** Please send in a nutritious snack and a re-useable water bottle each day.

**Sun Safety:** Please send in a bucket hat and non-aerosol sunscreen labeled with your child's name and sealed in a plastic baggie if you choose to allow your child to apply prior to lunch/recess. Sunscreen Permission forms will be provided at Back To School Night.

**Lunch:** Eating lunch in the cafeteria is very exciting for first graders! If your child is packing a lunch, please label it with his/her first and last name and "1-DO". If your child is bringing money to purchase lunch, please place it in a small envelope labeled with his/her name and lunch choice. In the beginning of the year, I will remain with the class to assist the students with buying lunch.

Please feel free to email me at [kdougherty@cbsd.org](mailto:kdougherty@cbsd.org) if you have any questions or concerns.





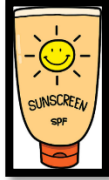


I am truly looking forward to getting to know your child and working with you as a partner in your child's education this year. Together we can ensure that your child has a wonderful first grade experience.

Watch for an email from me towards the end of August to gain additional information about your child before the start of the school year. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,  
Kelley Dougherty

# School Supply List

\*indicates that the item should be labeled with your child's name

<p>Sturdy two-pocket folders – plastic (a total of 2) ( 1-red &amp; 1- blue: <b>not</b> 3-hole punched)</p>	
<p><b>1 pkg of 4 Expo Dry Erase Markers</b> – <u>not fine point</u> – black preferred</p>	
<p><b>*Headphones</b> in a Ziploc bag (labeled with your child's first and last name) *Please make sure the plug will fit an iPad jack.</p>	
<p><b>Bucket Hat</b> or baseball cap labeled with your child's name and 1DO. (To be used during recesses to help protect your child's skin. It will be kept in a cubbie in our room.)</p>	
<p><b>Non-Aerosol Sunscreen</b> If you send sunscreen, your child will need to apply it independently. I will teach your child how to do this if you have not done so at home. Please seal sunscreen in a Ziplock bag labeled with your child's name and 1DO. (To be used before recesses to help protect your child's skin.)</p>	
<p><b>Paint Smock</b> – Any oversized shirt will do the trick. Please use a permanent marker to label it with your child's name and 1DO.</p>	
<p><b>1 Change of Clothes</b> – Please send a change of clothes including underwear and socks in case of a toileting accident and/or getting wet while playing outdoors. (Put in a gallon Ziploc bag with full name on outside of bag.)</p>	

<p>Box of Tissues (Last Names: A-M)</p>	<p><b>Thank you for helping to keep our classroom clean and healthy!</b></p>
<p>Liquid hand soap or hand sanitizer (Last Names: L-Z)</p>	
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