

MEET
the



TEACHER

FAVS

Book: *Pig the Pug*
Color: Pink
Animal: Dog
Food: Chocolate Chip
Cookies

CONTACT INFO

Email:
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or
Message on Class Dojo

HEY THERE!

My name is Miss Nissen, and I am so excited to be your first-grade teacher! We are going to have a lot of fun this year!

This is my first year of teaching at Warrensburg, but I went to school here too! I hope you had a great summer and were able to play outside! My puppy Luna and I went on a lot of hikes and played A LOT of fetch!

I can't wait to meet you! ☺
See you soon,
Miss Nissen



Dear families,

Welcome to first grade! I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year!

The beginning of each school year is fun and exciting, but it is also okay to be a bit nervous. Even though this school year may be a little different, I truly believe that if we all work as a team we can make it a great year full of learning, laughter, and fun!

The other first grade teachers and I have created a few tips to help you as you get your child ready for the first day of school:

1. Please **label** all of your child's belongings with a permanent marker (lunch boxes, coats, backpacks, hoodies, supplies, pencil cases). It is very easy for belongings to get mixed up during the day!
2. Please send a **healthy snack** for your child everyday, and label the snack as well. If you would like to donate extra snacks to our class we would also appreciate it! It is very easy to forget a snack from time to time and we like to have extras available!
3. Please make sure the school has a **current telephone number and address** in case of an emergency.
4. It is very helpful if your child has his/her **bus number and lunch PIN** memorized. Please practice with them!
5. Please send your child with a **labeled water bottle** everyday. The students will not be allowed to drink from the fountain; however, they will be able to refill their water bottles! I will be giving them time to do so throughout the day.
6. **Homework:** I will not be giving formal homework this year. In exchange, I encourage you to **read with your child every night**. They can read to you, you can read to them, even read to a pet! I would also like your child to **practice their math facts** as well. I am more than happy to provide you with any additional educational games and activities to play with your child at night if you would like!
7. I will be giving your child a folder that will go home every night and return every morning. I will be putting **important information in the folder** and if you have anything important such as notes or money, I would encourage you to put it in the folder! I would also encourage you to check the folder everyday!

8. Soon you will be able to **sign up for ClassDojo!** We will be sharing A LOT of information and it is a great way to stay connected to what is happening in the classroom! I will be sending an invite out to you to join soon!
9. **Masks:** Students will be required to wear masks when social distancing is not possible. I plan on allowing students to take their masks off when they are at their desks. Students will need to wear a mask when they move around the classroom or are in the hallway. Please have your child practice wearing a mask so that he/she is comfortable when he/she comes to school.
10. **Dismissal:** The first day of school can be really hectic, and we want to make sure that your child gets home safely. It is very important that you complete the dismissal form and send it with your child on the first day so that everything goes smoothly at dismissal time. Dismissal will look a little different this year as students who are being picked up will be brought outside by the teachers. We will be coming out the doors by the kindergarten classrooms.

Thank you so much for helping us make school a fun and safe environment for your child! We all truly want what is best for your child and will do whatever it takes to help them succeed!

I am super excited for this school year and am looking forward to working with both you and your child! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. We are all a team and your input is greatly valued! An email or ClassDojo message is the best way to reach me!

Best Regards,
Michaela Nissen

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First Grade Supply List

Please be sure to bring in the following supplies on the first day of school. Thank you!

- 2 boxes Ticonderoga Pencils - (pre-sharpened is a big help!)
- Erasers (NO pencil cap erasers - wedge erasers are preferred)
- 6 Glue Sticks
- 2 boxes of 24 crayons
- Hard Pencil Box
- Scissors
- Dry erase markers
- Headphones (No earbuds) Please label!
- Box of tissues
- Dry erase eraser (or a sock/washcloth)
- Change of clothing (Please put in a labeled plastic bag)
- Water bottle (Students will have access to water fountains that have bottle fill stations - they will not be able to drink directly from the fountains.)
- \$1 for a container that will be used for each student's math manipulatives (teachers will have this prepared for students for the first day of school)

If you would like to donate any other supplies, the following items are very helpful :

- Plastic baggies (sandwich and gallon sized)
- Baby wipes
- Post-it Notes
- Snacks

Please be sure to label all supplies!

Art Supply List

It is recommended that students do not share supplies in the classroom. The art room is asking for you to add these items to your school supplies list. These items will be for only your child to use during art class for the year.

If you are having difficulties getting any of the items listed, please contact Sherri Lamy at lamys@wcsd.org. We will do our best to make sure every student has the proper supplies to be successful this year!

1. PENCILS
 2. HAND HELD PENCIL SHARPENER
 3. 8 TO 10 PACK OF COLORED WATER SOLUBLE MARKERS
 4. 8 TO 10 PACK OF COLORED PENCILS
 5. CRAYONS ANY SIZE
 6. BLOCK ERASER "NO PENCIL TOP ERASERS"
 7. 12" RULER
 8. SMALL BOTTLE OF ELMER'S GLUE
 9. GLUE STICK
 10. SCISSORS
 11. WATER COLOR PALLET 8 OR MORE COLORS
 12. A LARGE ZIP LOCK BAG OR PENCIL BOX FOR THEIR ART SUPPLIES
- *PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE PLASTIC BAG OR PENCIL BOX

Miss Nissen's Schedule

**This is our schedule so far. It may change, but I wanted you and your child to have an idea of what to expect each day!

Day 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

8:00-8:30	Arrival/breakfast/morning work
8:30-9:30	Math
9:30-9:45	Brain break/bathroom/hand washing
9:45-10:15	Phonics
10:15-10:45	Reader's Workshop
10:40-10:45	Handwashing
10:45-11:15	Lunch
11:15-11:45	Recess
11:45-12:00	Read Aloud/bathroom/hand washing
12:00-12:30	Writer's Workshop
12:30-1:00	WIN
1:00-1:45	Special
1:45-2:00	Snack/bathroom/hand washing
2:00-2:20	Social Studies/Science
2:20	Prepare for dismissal

Day 6

8:00-8:30	Arrival/breakfast/morning work
8:30-9:30	Math
9:30-9:45	Brain break/bathroom/hand washing
9:45-10:15	Phonics
10:15-10:45	Reader's Workshop
10:40-10:45	Handwashing
10:45-11:15	Lunch
11:15-11:45	Recess
11:45-12:05	WIN
12:05-12:15	Bathroom/hand washing
12:15-1:00	Special
1:00-1:15	Read Aloud/hand washing
1:15-1:45	Writer's Workshop
1:45-2:00	Snack/bathroom/hand washing
2:00-2:20	Social Studies/Science
2:20	Prepare for dismissal

Specials:

Day 1: Music	Day 4: Music
Day 2: Gym	Day 5: Gym
Day 3: Art	Day 6: Art

Please wear sneakers on gym days