

August 19, 2020



Hi there new friend!

Welcome to first grade! My name is Mrs. Baker and I am going to be your teacher! I cannot wait to meet you on our first day of school. I hope you are as excited as I am!

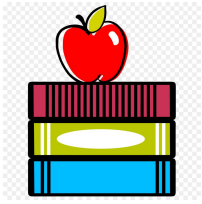
Let me tell you a little about myself. I am married with two kids. Their names are Aubrey and Luke! I love to share stories about the funny things they do. I also have three dogs whose names are Luna, Max and Duke. You may have seen Duke out my car window at our car parades last year! I live in Glens Falls which is about 20 minutes away from Warrensburg. I have been a teacher for five years and this will be my third year teaching first grade. First grade is definitely my favorite!

On the first day of school, I would love to find out all about you! Please bring in something to share with the class that will teach us about you. It can be a toy, a favorite book, a picture or anything else that will help us get to know you.

I have set you up on classdojo, so if you (or mom or dad) have a question before school starts, send me a message! We are going to have the best year!

Love,
Mrs. Baker

PS: There also is a letter for mom and dad. Can you make sure they get it? Thank you!



Dear families,

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

A new school year can be super fun and exciting! It can also be scary and challenging. Although this year is going to be different, I believe that together we can make it manageable and keep the fun!

I have put together some tips that I hope will help when getting ready to send your child on the first day:

1. Please be sure to label anything of your child's with a permanent marker (lunch boxes, coats, hoodies, backpacks, pencil cases). So many things can get mixed up throughout the day!
2. Please send in a healthy snack for your child everyday. Also, please label the snack. We can always use extra snacks if you'd like to donate to our class! Because of our early lunch time, we will be having an afternoon snack this year.
3. It is very helpful if your child can have his/her bus number and lunch PIN memorized. Please practice with them!
4. Please leave all toys at home. I don't allow toys in the classroom, as they can sometimes get lost or broken and this will leave the kiddos upset.
5. **Water Bottles:** Please send a water bottle in everyday. Your child will not be able to drink from the school water fountains throughout the day but they can fill their own bottles.. Please label the water bottle as well!
6. **Homework:** I have decided this year to not give any formal homework. However, I encourage you to read with your child each night (to them, with them, they can read to you) and to practice math facts!
7. Your child will be provided with a folder. This folder will go home everyday and be returned the next morning. If you send in a note or money, please send it in this folder! Also, check this folder everyday for important notes and work that your child has completed during the day.
8. Don't forget to sign up for ClassDojo! This is where we will be sharing A LOT of information about what is going on in the classroom. Please accept the invitation I sent!
9. Students will be required to wear masks whenever social distancing is not possible. I plan on allowing the students to remove their masks when they are sitting at their desks. Whenever students move about the room or are in the hallway, masks will need to be worn. Please be sure to have your child practice wearing his or her mask so that she/he is comfortable with it when she/he comes to school.
10. The first day of school is always very hectic and dismissal can be stressful if we do not know how students are getting home. It is very important that you complete the dismissal form and send it in on the first day so things go smoothly at dismissal time. Dismissal will look a little different this year as students who are getting picked up will be brought outside by the teachers. We will be coming out the doors by the kindergarten classrooms.

Schedule: This is our schedule so far. It can possibly change but I want you and your kiddo to have an idea of what a day in first grade is like.

Day 1, 4, 5, 6

8:00-8:30: Arrival/breakfast/morning work
8:30-9:30: Math (whole group lesson and centers)
9:30-9:45: Brain break, bathroom, hand washing
9:45-10:15: Phonics
10:15-10:45: Reader's Workshop
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 2, 3

8:00-8:30: Arrival/breakfast/morning work
8:30-9:30: Math (whole group lesson and centers)
9:30-9:45: Brain break, bathroom, hand washing
9:45-10:15: Phonics
10:15-10:45: Reader's Workshop
10:30-10:45: Hand washing and prepare for lunch
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
1:15-1:30: Read Aloud
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

Special Schedule:

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

****Please remember to wear sneakers on gym days!****

Together, we have a common goal - to help your child be a respectful, caring and responsible citizen who LOVES LEARNING!! I truly believe that if we work together, we can achieve this goal. I am very much looking forward to this school year. Thank you for sharing your child with me!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Email or a message on ClassDojo is best. I will always answer by the end of that day!

Fondly,

Jen Baker

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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
- Index Cards (Mrs. Streim)
- 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