



Back to School!

August 2022

Dear First Grade Parents/Guardians,

I am looking forward to working together with you this year. Here are a few facts about our general routine to help us get off to a smooth start. As partners in your child's education, we have a common goal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My email address is fullera@foxborough.k12.ma.us.

Snack/Lunch: The children will have a designated time each morning for snack. Please make sure to send in a snack that will help keep your child's focus until lunch time. Nutritious snacks such as fruit, cheese, crackers, yogurt, etc. are wonderful choices as they provide energy to help your child learn.

At this time, we do have a peanut and tree nut allergy in our classroom, so please be sure that any snacks sent in do not have peanuts/tree nuts OR are not made in a facility that manufactures peanuts/tree nuts, as these will not be allowed to be eaten in the classroom. Peanut/tree nut items may be enjoyed in the cafeteria at lunch time. If your child has any other allergies, please let me know on the enclosed Parent Survey Sheet.

The children will have lunch from 12:40 - 1:10 every day, except on early dismissal days. Please feel free to take part in our lunch program where you can pre-order and pre-pay for your child's lunch and/or lunchtime drink. Also, please be sure to label any lunch boxes with your child's first and last name - this helps to differentiate lunch boxes with the same design, as well as return any lost lunch boxes to their owners. Thanks for your help!

Dismissal: In order to ensure a smooth transition from school to home, please make sure that I receive a written note ahead of time if there are to be changes in your child's normal routine. This change should indicate the date and manner of dismissal (bus change, parent pick up, etc.). (However, if plans are last minute, **please do not email any last-minute changes**, as I may not be able to check my email during the day. Please call the office and Mrs. McLaughlin will let me know of the change.)

Schedule: Our class schedule of academics and specials (art, wellness, music, Spanish, library, etc.) rotates on a six-day cycle. Our first day of school will be "Day 1," our second day will be "Day 2," and so on until "Day 6." After Day 6, our schedule will return to Day 1 and continue this pattern. Please be advised that on wellness days, students are required to wear or bring sneakers to participate safely in the activities. This year, we will have **Wellness on Day 1 & 6**, so please plan accordingly. Below is our specials schedule for the year.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Wellness with Mrs. Ryle	Art with Ms. Scotland	Spanish with Senora	Music with Ms. Kerner	Spanish with Senora	Wellness with Mrs. Ryle
					Library with Mrs. St. Germain (starting date TBA)

Organization: Please be sure to send your child to school every day with a book bag/backpack and his/her Daily Folder (this folder will be given to your child on the first day of school and is already labeled with your child's first and last name). Sending this Daily Folder back and forth to school makes it easier to send home your child's important notices, student work, other school projects, etc. It would also be helpful to label first and last names on other loose articles such as sweaters, jackets, rain gear, rain or snow boots, snow pants, mittens/gloves, etc.

Supplies: Your child will not need any classroom supplies as they will now be provided for each child by the district on the first day of school. *** However, classroom donations for items such as tissue boxes, paper towels and disinfectant wipes are always appreciated year-round!*

Birthdays: We love to celebrate birthday in first grade! Families are welcome to send in a small birthday treat on or near their child's birthday. Please note that this is completely optional. Examples of treats could be a pencil, bookmark, etc. if desired. However, in accordance with our Wellness policy, food items are not permitted.

Summer Work: Please submit any summer work to me by the end of the first week of school. I can't wait to see what you have been working on this summer!

Classroom Communication: Our See Saw platform will be where you will find most of my correspondence and classroom updates, so if you are not signed up yet, more information will be coming soon. I also have a classroom website where I will keep class information, resources, and other reference tools and materials. I will update this website with class information and previous newsletters throughout the year, so that they will be still available for your reference if needed. Please see attached information on how to access my website.

Parent Homework:

Parent/Guardian Survey: Please fill out the Parent/Guardian Survey for your child. It can be found on my class website. Directions for accessing my website are included in this letter. Since you are your child's first teacher, it is important for me to understand your perspective of your child. I urge you to answer these questions as honestly as possible as they may be included in future goals for your child. The better I know your child, the more knowledgeable I am to find ways to help your child learn.

Please submit this survey on or before the first day of school.

I appreciate all of your help in getting your child ready to learn. I look forward to working in a supportive partnership with you to help your child grow as a student and a member of our classroom and school community.

Warm wishes for a wonderful year ahead!

April Fuller