



Welcome to First Grade

Thank you so much for coming tonight! I am looking forward to a great year. Here are a few things I would like you to do tonight.

- ★ Please sign in and mark how your child will be going home.
- ★ Help your child find his/her seat and look at the number on the nametag. This number is where they will hang their backpack by the door.
- ★ Sign up on my Remind. I use Remind for communication. Sign up by texting @bunting23 to 81010
- ★ Sign up for a parent/teacher conference in September and let me know if you are able to volunteer in class.
- ★ Read through this packet and let me know if you have any questions.
- ★ Show your child where the restroom is down the hall, out the glass door, and how to find our class after (look for the owl).

Supplies

Please have the following supplies on the first day-

- ❖ 1 pocket folder
- ❖ 1 set of sturdy headphones (earbuds not recommended)
- ❖ 1 sturdy, full-sized, traditional backpack
- ❖ 10"x7" pencil pouch (no boxes please)
- ❖ box of 24 crayola crayons
- ❖ 2 sharpened pencils
- ❖ 1 pink eraser
- ❖ 2 thin black whiteboard markers
- ❖ 1 pair of children's scissors
- ❖ 1 large glue stick

If you would like to help with supplies for the class, here are some items that we use all year-

- ❖ Whiteboard markers (thin and regular)
- ❖ Baby wipes
- ❖ Copy paper
- ❖ Tissues
- ❖ Skittles
- ❖ Small wrapped candies (starburst, suckers, etc)
- ❖ Glue sticks
- ❖ Crayons

Birthdays

We love to celebrate your child's birthday and let them know they are special. However, we do ask for your help to make it simple. **Please no cupcakes.** Cupcakes are very messy and the students tend to get icing everywhere. Instead, we ask that you bring **individually wrapped** treats. This can be Little Debbie cupcakes, cookies, rice crispy treats, etc. Please let me know if

you will be sending something in so I can make sure to put it in our schedule.

Dismissal

There are 3 ways to be dismissed after school.

Drive-up- you will stay in your car and follow the long line of cars. Your child will be waiting on the sidewalk in front of the school. Please put your child's pink name card in the window so we can see who you are picking up.

Walk-up- you will park your car and walk up to the side of the school. You will then come into the side gate (older students will be picked up from outside) then proceed to the cafeteria. Your child will meet you at the front by the exit door. If you hold up the pink name card, it helps us let the students know you are here.

Walker- Students will follow a teacher down the sidewalk and out to the crosswalk. They must have a walker tag on their backpack. In order to get a tag, you must live within the school boundaries.

If you decide to change how your child is being picked up, please send in a note or call the office. I can not take a child's word for changes.

Behavior

I like to focus on positive behavior, therefore I use group points when students are following directions. When a group gets 10 points, each person in that group gets to choose from a goodie jar.

We also use blue slips and the office has a blue slip drawing every Friday.

Each semester we have CC360 for students who have earned it. Please see student handbook for more details.

I also use a card system located by the door. If your child stays on green that means they had a good day and they will color the happy face on his/her daily behavior chart.

If your child changes his/her card to yellow, it is just a warning. It means they needed a little reminder. They will then color the daily behavior chart yellow and may write a letter during WIN time.

If your child continues to have a difficult time, they will get a red card. If they get to red, they will have detention during WIN time and I will send a behavior slip home. Please sign the behavior slip and return it to me. Three behavior slips means they will not attend CC360.

Students will be tracking their behavior in their communication folder each day and we ask parents to initial it each day and sign it on Friday.

Students that do not change a card 3 times or get any white slips will get to go to STEM Friday (fun Friday).

Communication Folder

Krystal is now a No Homework school. However, we will have a communication folder. This folder should stay in your child's backpack and be returned to school **every** day! I will put sight words and other materials in the folder that your child needs to work on at home. Reading and practicing sight words at home is so important for your child.

Lunch/snack

Students will be going to lunch at 11:40. They may bring a lunch from home or get a lunch from the cafeteria.

They will also have an afternoon recess at 2:00, and they may bring a snack from home to eat at recess. Please help your child understand if they are bringing a lunch or a snack or both. Many times, students only have a small snack and they

think it is their lunch. Wednesday is early out dismissal, so we will not have a snack time on Wednesdays.

Volunteers

You **must** be board approved to be a volunteer (including field trips). Forms are in the office, or you can let me know if you need one. We will not have volunteers at the beginning of the year, but once we get into our routine, I will like to have a couple of parents to help with centers (please see sign up). There are also some special events that I will be asking for help with and of course our field trip at the end of the year.

Our first grade teachers are a team- we work together to provide the best education possible for your child. You are a part of that team and I look forward to working with you this year. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Mrs. Bunting