

Welcome to First Grade!

Here is some helpful information and reminders that will set the tone for a successful school year together...

Labeled items your student will need at school:

- **Art smock** (big tee-shirt works well)
- **Sneakers** for P.E. on Tuesdays and Fridays
- **Personal headphones** for Chromebook use
- **Extra change of clothes** (can be stored in the top of lockers)
- **Healthy snack & water bottle every day** (please refrain from packing candy and sweets)

Things your student does not need:

- Pencils/cases/folders/individual supplies (We have all of those items here!)
- Toys, stuffed animals, personal devices/electronic devices, collectible cards, and other valuables should stay at home.

Weekly Procedures:

- Students can be dropped off at ABS between **7:25-7:50** each morning. Students dropped off prior to 7:35 will wait in the cafeteria. Attendance is taken at 7:50.
- Regular **dismissal is at 2:30** each day. Buses leave at 2:35. Wednesday **early release dismissal is at 1:35**.
- **Library books** are due on **Wednesdays**.
- **Home Folders** are sent home on **Fridays** and due back to school the following week.

Communication:

- **Email:** I will send out email updates on most Fridays with relevant reminders and up-to-date information about our studies and any important dates to be aware of. These emails will also periodically be posted on our classroom blog at <https://harmonyblog2010-2011.blogspot.com/>
- **SeeSaw:** Students will post a variety of work to their online portfolio throughout the school year. Be sure you are connected to your student's account so you can see what they're up to! We will let you know as soon as our young learners are ready to access this platform at school.
- Please feel free to communicate any questions or concerns that you may have. Email (mmccormack@cvsdvt.org) is the best way to reach me. Our school phone number is 871-6200.

Birthday Celebrations: We have **non-food** birthday celebrations at ABS. Your student's special day will still be celebrated, not to worry! You may choose to bring a non-food treat in for the class (pencils, erasers, etc.) however, this is not necessary. If you or a loved one would like to come in for a special activity or read aloud you are more than welcome! You can also send in a special book for your child to share with the class.

Schedule Changes/Absences: *For safety reasons, we cannot send students to a destination other than documented on their paperwork without direct communication from a parent or guardian.*

- If your student has a change in their after school plans, please email, call the front office. The end of the day can be hectic, so the earlier the better. Of course, we understand that last minute changes are inevitable!
- As soon as you are aware of an absence or change of plans, please email:
 - Laura Gigliotti lgigliotti@cvsdvt.org and absfrontoffice@cvsdvt.org
 - Mrs. McCormack at mmccormack@cvsdvt.org

- Nurse Love slove@cvsdvt.org (if student's absence is illness-related)