



Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to Room 8! I am so excited to be your child's teacher in First Grade, and I know we will have a wonderful and productive year. The following is some important information until we meet on our **Back to School Night this Wednesday from 5:30-6:10 in Room 8.**

School Start/End Times

School hours are from **8:25-3:00** except for **Thursdays (dismissal at 12:20)**. The school gates will open at 8:10, and families and students may walk to the white top. The first bell rings at 8:25, and the second bell rings at 8:30. I will greet students on the white top and walk them to our classroom. Please make sure you drop your child off early to be on time for school each day. Students will be marked tardy if they are not in the classroom by 8:30, when the second bell rings. For dismissal, please meet your child at the white top, located at the west side of the school, near the grass area, at 3:00. I will walk all students to the white top and wait for you to pick them up. **If your child goes to SAY or another after school program and you do NOT pick them up, please let me know ASAP.** Please make every effort to be on time for pick up. If your child is not picked up by 3:05 I will walk them to the office and you can pick them up there. Thank you for your cooperation!

Snack/Recess/Lunch

Our recess is from **10:45-11:15**. We eat a snack before recess every day. Please send a healthy snack with your child each day. Healthy snacks include fruit, vegetables, yogurt, cheese, crackers. Please do not send candy to school with your child, and try to limit treats to special times. **First graders have lunch from 12:20-12:55.** All students will be provided with free breakfast and lunch this school year.

Daily Folders and No Shoes in the Classroom

Your child will come home each day with a red folder. Please check it daily for information, student work, and messages. Please have your child return it **empty**, unless you are returning something, to class each morning. You may send things to me using the folder as I check them daily. Room 8 is a no shoe classroom. We have mats and racks outside the room to remove and store shoes. Kids love it, it keeps our room clean, and it provides a cozy and comfortable learning environment. Please make sure that your child wears socks every day, and that **they can put on and remove their shoes independently and quickly.**

Supplies

Basic school supplies will be provided the first day of school (crayons, pencils, glue sticks, etc). Each child will be provided with a supply box where their materials are kept. If you were able to acquire the items on our grade level wish list, please send them to school with your child. We have enough to start with, but the additional supplies you provide will help us throughout the year. The supply list is on our class website for reference. I will post a classroom wish list periodically if you are interested in donating additional items.

Birthdays

Birthdays are an important part of a First Grader's life, and I look forward to celebrating them. I would like to ask that birthdays be celebrated in non-food ways as per our district's health and wellness policy. In Room 8 we do celebrate each child, so there is no need to bring in anything extra, unless you would like to. Ideas: bubbles, pencils, erasers, stickers, etc... If you would like to send something in please let me know in advance. In addition, please distribute birthday invitations **outside of class** to help prevent hurt feelings.

Communication

I would be happy to discuss any questions or concerns you have about your child. Email is the best way to reach me. If you would like to schedule a time to meet please do so in advance. On Saturday morning I sent out a family survey to the email I have on file for you. **Please fill out the online parent survey as soon as possible so I can have your information.** Please email me if you did NOT receive the survey.

Once all families have completed the survey I will provide you all with a link to be able to communicate with each other, if you choose to.

Contact Information:

E-mail: aboelzle@sandi.net

School Phone: 619-605-4100

Please take a look at our class website: <https://sites.google.com/site/mrsboelzlesclassroom/>

This is a great resource for you to take a look at, and you will be accessing it all year for information.

Hopefully I answered some questions until our Back to School Night this Wednesday. I know this will be a fantastic year for all of us!

Sincerely,

Amy Boelzle