

Welcome to Norte First Grade

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. This promises to be an exciting year for everyone!
We can't wait for Monday to come so we can get started!

The first grade teachers are:

Miss Goist
Ms. Li
Ms. Potempa
Mrs. Tolmie

HELPFUL NOTES FOR YOUR FIRST DAY.....

School Hours

First bell.....7:40 a.m.

Tardy bell.....7:45 a.m.

Recess.....10:55.-11:15a.m.

Lunch.....11:15a.m.-11:35a.m.

Dismissal.....2:35 p.m.

Wednesday Early Release.....12:35 p.m.

Wednesday Recess.....10:55a.m.-11:15a.m.

Wednesday Lunch.....11:15a.m.-11:35a.m.

Before School

Students must arrive after 7:15 a.m. This is to ensure the safety of your child, since there is no adult supervision before that time. If you're dropping your student off, please use the Parent Drop-off lane on the west side of the school. Please pull all the way forward in the lane. Do not drop students off next to the playground!!!! This is safety hazard to your student and other families. If you wish to leave your car, please park in the west lot and cross the drop-off lane carefully. Students should proceed to the playground with their same-age peers—primary playground on the west for first graders. All students should line up their backpacks on the designated spots:

Miss Goist.....on the "Green Circle" line
Ms. Li..... on the "Red Triangle" line
Ms. Potempa..... on the "Yellow Triangle" line
Mrs. Tolmie.....on the "Blue Square" line

When the first bell rings, each student should line up where their backpacks have been laid in that line. Teachers will then come to collect their class.

Dismissal

Teachers will be escorting students to their appropriate after-school spots. If you are picking your student up from school, please meet them at the flagpole on the west-side of the school. As in the before-school period, please pull as far forward in the Parent Drop-off Lane as possible. If you wish to get out of your car, please park in the west lot and use the crosswalk to cross the drop-off lane.

FAQ~ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are Daily Communication Folders, Weekly Folders, and Homework?

Every child has a **DAILY COMMUNICATION FOLDER** which is carried from school to home everyday. This is our great link for communication. All papers containing teacher letters, homework, etc. will be found in this folder. This is also an excellent opportunity for you to send a note to us with any information you may wish to share. **This folder must come back to school everyday.**

Generally, **HOMEWORK** is sent home on Wednesdays to be returned on Mondays (in the daily communication folder) with the exception of nightly reading homework. Students are required to read or be read to for 20 minutes a night. Look for more specific information to come home the second week of school concerning homework. Homework may include spelling practice, math, and additional reading practice.

Can my child bring a water bottle?

Absolutely! However, water bottles will be kept in designated water bottle areas in the classroom (not necessarily at your child's side). This is to prevent accidental "sharing" and damage to papers and other school materials from spillage. Please put your child's name on their water bottle. **Additionally, ONLY CLEAR, PLAIN WATER** is allowed. The coloring in other "Sports Drinks" **does not** come out of Carpets!!

Can my child bring a snack to school?

Yes. We follow a community snack procedure. Your child may bring a store bought snack packaged in a large quantity to share with the rest of the class. Snacks must be nutritional. Snack time is also "brain food" to reenergize students before the next task. Please remember this should be a learning experience for students on healthy eating habits. Here are some suggestions of healthy snack options.

Acceptable snacks

Fruit
Vegetables
Crackers
Popcorn (already popped)
Pretzels
Raisins
Cheese
Graham Crackers

Unacceptable snacks

Chips
Candy
Sugar-based "fruit" snacks
Cheetos & Fire-Cheetos
Cookies/Cakes/Cupcake

Can I bring in treats to celebrate my child's birthday?

Birthday celebrations **are not allowed** at school. Please do not send invitations to be distributed at school. This includes sending balloons, flowers, and food items. As a class we recognize these special days in other ways. If you would like to do something special for your child on their birthday, we suggest donating a book to the Classroom library in their name. There is specific information regarding this topic in the family handbook. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Can my child bring toys or other items to school?

We ask that your child not bring any kind of toys (i.e. Gameboys, trading cards, Hot Wheels, etc.) to school. This is to prevent damaged, lost, or stolen items, as well as disagreements that may arise among the children. At times we may ask that your child bring something from home to school. We will be sure to inform you of this with a note or personal correspondence. Thank you for your consideration.

How many bathroom breaks does the class have?

Anytime a student has a "bathroom emergency" they are permitted to use the bathroom. We encourage the students to use the bathrooms at recess times and "work times", not during instruction times.

How do I sign up to volunteer?

All parents are invited to volunteer in the classroom if they choose to do so. If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, please inform your child's teacher 24 hours in advance to set up an agreeable time. This is a district policy. When you come, inform the office and they will give you a guest pass.

Welcome to First Grade!
**We are excited to work with you and
your child!**