May 29, 2024

Dear 1st Grade Families,

My name is Mrs. Hildebrand and I will be your child’s teacher in the fall. I am so excited about the upcoming school year! First grade will be filled with many new and exciting experiences. I look forward to working with your family and I anticipate a great year of teaching and learning. Move-Up day is always exciting. It’s fun to get a little sneak peak of your new class! I’ve heard nothing but wonderful things about the Kindergarteners moving up. I’ve enclosed a class list so you can see your new classmates.

In the fall, Perkins will host our annual “Open House”. At this time, I will discuss the 1st grade academic program and my goals and expectations for the year. I encourage you to attend this special evening. Summer break can be a long time away from school for young children. They can actually regress in their skills and accomplishments if they don’t get regular practice during this time. Below you will see two lists that will help prepare your child for 1st grade. Most importantly, have your child read to you every day! The number one indicator of whether children will be successful in school is having parents that read aloud to them and model reading in the home.

Have a safe & HAPPY SUMMER!

♥️ Mrs. Hildebrand

Beginning 1st graders should be able to do the following independently:

1. recognize all letter names and sounds

2. read the Kindergarten High Frequency Words on the enclosed sheet

3. recognize numbers up to 20

4. count groups of objects up to 20

5. write their name correctly using a capital first letter, followed by all lowercase letters

6. **tie their own shoes** ☺

Things to practice during the summer to get a head start:

1. handling scissors; cutting on a line
2. practice reading the 1st Grade Irregular Words on the enclosed sheet
3. identifying coins
4. counting to 100 and beyond
5. retelling and writing about a story
6. **read all the books in your SUMMER SACK OF READING FUN!** ☺

Additional Information:

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| \*First Day of School: Monday, August 12, 2024 | \*Meal Prices for 2024-2025 School Year |
| \*School Hours: 9:15 a.m.- 3:25 p.m. | Breakfast & Lunch: FREE to all students and |
| \*Classroom doors open to all students at 8:45 a.m. | begins serving at 8:45 a.m. ⏰ |