



First Grade News

Dear Families,

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!

My name is Char Soucy and I am delighted to be your child's teacher this year! When people ask me why I teach first grade, I tell them that "it's where the action is!" Students grow so much in their first grade year, and it is exciting to watch and help it all unfold.

Learning to read and write is one of the most important things primary grade students do, and each is learning at his or her own pace. I believe strongly in looking at each child as an individual and building on the strengths he or she has. I am looking forward to getting to know the students in the class.

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Calendar

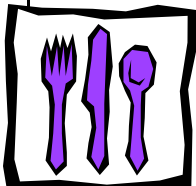
September 22 - Fernan BBQ and open house

Parent Folders

Please review carefully the contents of the white Fernan Folder. It has all the information you need to know to keep on top of things at Fernan. If you have questions, get in touch with Dana or Debbie in the office, and they will be happy to help. Fernan's number is 664-2659.

School lunches

In your white Fernan folder was information about our school lunches, as well as application forms for assistance.



Our food service makes it so easy! Each student is issued a "lunch card". You can pay ahead so your child has credit on the lunch card, or you can send money with your child on the days he/she will be eating school lunch. (Breakfast is available too, at 8:30 am)

School Supplies

Unfortunately, some of the stores had the wrong list of supplies. All I really need your child to bring in are the following:

- 20 pencils
- Colored pencils
- Watercolor markers
- Crayons



- 2 pocket folders
- 2 spiral notebooks
- AA batteries

We share our supplies, so I collect them all on the first day. If you have not yet gotten them, don't worry, we have plenty to start the year, if you got different supplies, don't go out and buy any more, we'll make do.

Snacks

We don't go to lunch until 12:20 in the first grade. You can see how important a nutritious mid-morning snack is for us. Of course you may send a snack each your own child, but I also like to have a "community snack" available in case a child has forgotten his/her snack. In the past, parents have sent in a box of graham crackers, pretzels, fruit, vegetables, or some other low sugar snack which I keep and pass out as needed. Your help with this will be greatly appreciated.



day for child

A word about the "routines" I have that will help us keep in touch more easily:

Daily Take-Home Folders -In an effort to help students learn responsibility and to help you and I communicate better, I will send home a teal colored folder **every night** with your child. Please help your child remember to show you the folder and return it to school the next day. I will be putting notes for you and/or homework in it. There are times when the folder may come home empty. I still want your child to show it to you, and remember to bring it back the next day. This "homework habit" will carry your child all through his or her school career.

Reading Homework Book— Learning to read and becoming a proficient reader requires daily practice, just like learning to play the piano. Please read with your child at least 5 nights a week. Whatever other homework your child may have, you can count on reading every night. At first you may be reading *to* your child, eventually your child will be reading *to* you! When you read with your child, please write down the title and initial the calendar page inside the reading homework book, so I can mark the homework done.

Parent Survey— Please take a few moments to fill out the "Parent Survey" and return it to me by the end of the week. You are the expert on your child, and your input is important in helping my plan learning experiences for your child.

Please check the Fernan Folder for PTO forms, Lunch forms and any other things that need to be returned to school. You can return these things to me in the daily take home folder, and I will get it to the right place for you.

Feel free to contact me anytime with concerns or questions.