

1st Grade Notes

- Birthdays: Mini-cupcakes or muffins are wonderful. Anything small, easy to pass out, and light on the sugar works well. Candles will not be used. If your child has a summer birthday, we will celebrate it in May/June. Parents of children with food allergies are encouraged to stock the lower school freezer or classroom with alternative treats for them.
- Birthday parties: If you are having a party right after school, we need to know in writing who will be driving each child. It is easiest if this is figured out the day before the party, as the children can get worried and confused when arrangements are unclear. Also, it is easy for us to pass out invitations in the Thursday folders if you send them in.
- Twice a week 1st and 2nd graders eat in the lunchroom together. Due to safety concerns and limited time there will be no microwaving of lunches. Please plan accordingly. We will be picnicking as often as the weather allows, so including utensils and napkins in your child's lunch box will make our meal time go more smoothly.
- Please send in a small unbreakable cup for your child for water breaks (a sippy cup without a lid works great). We will wash the cups in the dishwasher each Friday. If you prefer to send in a fresh water bottle each day, that is fine.
- Notes about pick-up changes can be left on the sign-in clip board. Examples would be: "Uncle Bob is picking Little Susie up at 3:00 today" and "Little Joe is having a playdate with Sally today."
- Library day is on Tuesdays.
- Each child needs a pair of clean athletic sneakers (not fashion sneakers) to leave at school for sports days. It is good to keep an extra pair of socks in the backpack.
- We are not doing Show and Shares until later in the year. Then they will be related to Star Student, nature or social studies topics.

First Grade Buzz

September 10, 2015



Conversation Starters

(for over the next week)

Can you tell me the names of two boys in your class?
How about two girls?

Who had a birthday today?

What 2 special classes did you have today?

What is one thing that is different from Kindergarten?

Where is the bathroom? What is one bathroom rule?

How many children are in your class?

Do you remember any of the Apples and Bananas song?



Our first day self portraits.

Good to Note

Leave notes for us on the computer keyboard at the front of the classroom.

Our phone numbers for texting and calling are:

Paula Austin 540-687-4790

Susan Price 540-454-6958

Our Hill School email accounts bounce to our phones. paustin@thehillsschool.org and suprice@thehillsschool.org.

We will send home a pouch on Thursdays that includes a newsletter, classwork, and occasionally homework. Your child should return the folder Friday morning and put it in his/her Take Home Cubby.

**Dismissal is at 12:00
tomorrow. No Late Gates.**

Thanks!

Ms. Austin and Mrs. Price

Today was a flurry of fun and excitement. Your child should be exhausted! We look forward to getting to know the individuals and the class as a whole. Please call if you have any concerns.