

BUZZ ABOUT FIRST GRADE



September 7
2017

Conversation Starters

Can you tell me the names of two boys in your class?
How about two girls? And the name of a new friend?

Tell me something about your teachers.

What special class did you have today?

What is one thing that is different than Kindergarten?

Where is the bathroom?

How many children are in your class?

Do you remember any of the Apples and Bananas song?

Who are Bella and Rosie, and Jack and Daisy?

Describe the chrysalis on the bench.

Good to Note

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.

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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.

Thanks!

Ms. Austin and Mrs. Price

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

Star Students



Our first day self-portraits.

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.



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 or on the half-birthday. Parents of children with food allergies are encouraged to stock the lower school freezer or classroom with alternative treats for them.
- Birthday parties: We will gladly include invitations in Thursday folders. If parents are carpooling to a party directly from dismissal, 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.
- Hill provides snack each day. If you prefer to make it your habit to send in a snack for your child, call one of us. We can explain how this works best.
- First grade eats in the classroom. There are no microwaves. 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 fresh water bottle each day.
- 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 Wednesdays.
- 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. It is also a good idea to pack an extra pair of pants and underwear.
- 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.