



Dear First Grade Parents,

Welcome to First Grade at The Meadowbrook School! First Grade is a year filled with many fun experiences, continued mastery of reading, writing, and math skills and also a time where independence, responsibility, and cooperative relationship building are focused upon. Following instructions, cooperative learning, confidence building, and continuing to nurture a love for learning will be the foundational pillars of our year together.

My name is Brianne Robbins, and it will be my pleasure to teach and learn with your child this year. I've always loved learning and think it's important to learn everyday, even as an adult. I encourage the children to ask questions and engage in their learning just like I do. I spend a lot of my time with my two little girls and my husband. We love to go to playgrounds, carnivals, libraries, and anywhere that has face painting. I love to be outside walking, playing tennis, or just simply enjoying the sun. This is my third year at Meadowbrook, and this school is like a home to me.

In first grade, your child will continue to expand their knowledge of the world around them beginning with themselves and explore their understanding of others, family, and community. With a comprehensive language arts curriculum we will further the mastery of phonetic skills, writing, and reading using multiple modalities and curriculum resources. The math program will provide ongoing development of skills introduced in kindergarten and the addition of learning how to tell time, measurement, geometry, and tools for managing data. Special classes in science, foreign language, physical education, art, and music will all enhance your child's educational program as well and be carefully integrated across the curriculum.

It is through multisensory and experiential learning that I will impart the knowledge and skills that your child needs in order for them to have the most engaging and successful time in first grade. It is essential to consider the whole child. It is with focused intention that I will work to build a trusting relationship with your child in order to cultivate an optimal learning environment for their academic success to take root.

My contact information is provided below. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. It is my privilege to be partnering with you during your child's time at Meadowbrook, and I look forward to working with you. Thank you.

Warmly,
Brianne Robbins

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FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST

Full size backpack
Zippered lunch box/bag
Large reusable water bottle
4 folders (ideally plastic)
1 glue stick
1 small bottle of Elmer's school glue
2 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons to include flesh color tones
2 boxes of colored pencils that include flesh color tones in them
1 black Sharpie pen (FINE POINT)
6 dry erase markers and 1 dry erase eraser
2 Paper Mate Pink Pearl Erasers
1 pack of Ticonderoga #2 sharpened pencils
1 pair of child size scissors
2 pencil cases (approximately 6 x 10 inches; one for crayons and one for colored pencils)
2 rolls of scotch tape
1 set of headphones that cover your child's ears and that effectively block out noise
(Please do not send in earbuds)
1 bottle of hand sanitizer with a pump top
2 containers of clorox wipes
2 boxes of tissues for classroom use
1 box of sandwich size ziploc bags
1 zip lock bag with a full change of clothing with their name on it to be kept at school for emergencies

Please label the large items with your child's first and last name. These items should be sent in on the first day of school. Thank you so much for providing these items to assist your child in their education.

INCOMING FIRST GRADE SUMMER WORK

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the summer, my hope is for your child to maintain the skills learned this past year and therefore will continue to spend time reading, practicing math, and writing in preparation for First Grade.

I strongly encourage the Summer Bridges series for a summer workbook. You can purchase this text through Barnes & Noble and Amazon. In order to maintain your child's math skills and still have fun, it is suggested that you play board games together such as Chutes and Ladders, Candy Land, Sorry!, and Monopoly Junior together.

Additionally, there are online resources that your child can enjoy for reinforcement of skills mastered in Kindergarten. Some of my favorite programs include, First in Math, Epic, and Raz Kids. Additionally ABCYa, Fun Brain, Smithsonian Learning lab, and Wonderopolis offer meaningful online resources.

In addition to the above recommendations, I am asking that your child read a variety of books daily throughout the summer. Daily reading to your child and a child reading independently or aloud to an adult or peer, has scientifically been proven to improve a child's reading skills and comprehension. Reading together is also a special time to make memories that will be enjoyed for years to come. ***Please have your child choose their favorite book that they read this summer and draw a picture illustrating what part of the story they enjoyed the most. Also have them write approximately 3 sentences telling why they liked the book. We will all enjoy sharing this assignment with each other on the first day of school together.***

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Kind regards,

Mrs. Robbins