September 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 1st grade! I am very excited to have your child in my classroom this school year. I am confident that we will have a fantastic year in first grade! My name is Lisa Lamb and I will be your child’s 1st grade teacher! The first day of school is a half day of school on Tuesday, September 3rd. Dismissal is at 11:25 a.m.

Here is some information that I need to share with you. Please read this carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please send me a note at this email address llamb@rochester.k12.mi.us.

1. All classroom news will be posted on our classroom website. To view our website, go to [www.rochester.k12.mi.us](http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us), click on “Schools”, click on “Hamlin”, click on “Classroom Pages”, click on “First Grade”, click on “Mrs. Lamb”. I will also send home a copy of the *First Grade News* each week on Monday.
2. **Curriculum Night** is Thursday, September 19th. It is very important that you come to school to meet me and learn about the first grade curriculum and expectations. There will be sign-up sheets for fall parent/teacher conferences. Please arrive on time. I will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m. and finish my presentation at 6:00 p.m.
3. Plan to spend a minimum of 20 minutes on **1st grade homework** each day. The children will have a Homework Folder. This folder MUST be checked daily. Please keep the papers at home that are located in the *Keep At Home* pocket. The papers in the *Return To School* pocket must be returned to school the very next day. This folder will come home with your child each day and MUST be returned to school the very next day.
4. Remember to send me a note or an email if you make any changes to your child’s dismissal procedures. It is my job to keep your children safe. I need to know if they ride the school bus and the bus number, walk home, go to SAC, or if you are picking them up in the loop. I need this information from you not your first grade student.
5. School begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:13 p.m. The bell will ring to enter the school at 8:05 a.m. Please be on time. Tardy students are very disruptive to the classroom community. Tardy students have a difficult time “catching up” in the morning.
6. Your child will need ONE healthy snack each morning to eat. I can’t provide snacks if your child does not have a snack at school. All snacks will be eaten in the morning. Snacks should be ***only*** **fruits or vegetables**. We may have food allergies in our classroom community. Please… fruits and vegetables only. All snacks MUST be inside your child’s backpack NOT inside his/her lunchbox. Your child’s name should be on his/her snack. Your child may eat other kinds of snacks at lunch time in the cafeteria. We will **eat lunch from 12:40 to 1:00 each day.**
7. If you send lunch money to school, please send it to school inside an envelope with your child’s name printed on it. Please dress your child according to the weather for recess on the playground. All jackets and other outdoor clothing items MUST have your child’s name printed on them.
8. **Class Dojo** is the system I will use to monitor your child’s classroom behavior for the first several months of school. Your child will earn points for positive classroom behaviors and lose points for negative classroom behaviors. A note will be sent home to you soon inside your child’s Homework Folder with information about Class Dojo. You can monitor your child’s behavior too! Please follow the instructions that are printed in the note that will be sent home. I look forward to using this system and giving lots and lots of points to students who earn them daily!
9. We will go to music, gym, art, and library each week. I will share our schedule with you when I get it from Mrs. Allen.
10. Please ask your child about **Brag Tags** later this week!

I look forward to getting to know your 1st grader and you this school year! If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to write me a note or send me an email (llamb@rochester.k12.mi.us)

With warm smiles,

Lisa Lamb