

First Grade Information Sheet

Contact Information

You can contact the first grade team at any time regarding your child's school experience. We will not be able to answer our phone from 8:50am -3:35pm. Please feel free to leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Email is the best way to contact me. Please subscribe to our blog so that you can stay up to date on upcoming events and class information.

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School Lunch Info

The cost of lunch is \$2.35. This includes milk (a state requirement) and gives your child a choice of:

- “A lunch” that is listed daily on the menu, or
- “B lunch” that is a choice that changes weekly, or
- “C lunch” that is always a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, or
- “D lunch” that is always yogurt and string cheese, or
- “S lunch” that is a salad with protein that is **only available on Wednesdays.**

The sides and desserts are the same for all of the choices.

If your child chooses to bring lunch and needs to buy milk only, they will need \$0.60.

We strongly recommend the option of purchasing a lunch ticket. All expenses are deducted from your child's account and you and your child don't need to remember lunch money daily. You can also track your child's purchases from home. An envelope will be sent home as a reminder when a new lunch ticket is needed.

Clothing

Children should attend school in comfortable, washable clothing that allows for free movement as well as “messy” art activities. **You will need to provide an art smock/shirt for your child on art days.**

School Supplies

Penn Manor asks that you provide the following supplies for our class to share.

- *Tissues
- *Disinfectant wipes
- *Hand Sanitizer
- *#2 pencils
- *Crayons (16)
- *Plastic pencil box with name
- *2 glue sticks
- *Washable markers

Illnesses and Absences

In order for your child to obtain maximum benefit from the education program, it is essential that he/she attend as many sessions as possible. If your child is too sick to concentrate on classroom activities or has a fever or been throwing up in the past 24 hours, it is wise to keep him/her home. When your child is well enough to return to school, please send a dated excuse note back to school with him/her. This note should state the nature of the illness or other reason for the absence. If your child will be absent from school due to an extended illness or educational field trip, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Educational field trips require paperwork to be completed.

Birthdays

You are welcome to send in a treat to celebrate your child's birthday. Please be sure to contact me in advance so that it does not conflict with other classroom activities. Please avoid sending in cakes or other items that take a lot of time to serve. Please do not ask me to distribute invitations to parties outside of school unless every child is invited. This is because those not invited can have hurt feelings. I will send home a class list, but I am not permitted to provide parents with addresses or phone numbers of the students in my class.

Scholastic Book Club

Inexpensive, enjoyable books are made available for you to order for your child, however, you are under no obligation to do so. Forms will be sent home throughout the year. If you choose to order a book, you can fill out the form, or order online. More information on this will be coming home soon.

Conferences/Report Cards

Conferences are scheduled during the early part of November. The teacher will discuss your child's progress. Report cards will be sent home with your child each marking period.

Four-Day Cycle

Penn Manor works on a 4-day cycle rather than a five-day work week. The first day of school is considered Day A and we proceed through Day D before the cycle is repeated. A monthly calendar will be sent home to help keep you informed.

Library Book Exchange

First grade class will visit the library once a cycle. During this time they will be able to check out one book, which they may borrow until the next scheduled book exchange day. Children who forget their books will not be able to get a new one until the forgotten one is returned.

Snack

Please send your child to school each day with a single serving snack to be eaten during our snack time. Please avoid snacks that contain nuts or peanut butter. Examples of snacks would be, a serving of goldfish, dry cereal, pretzels, animal crackers, trail mix, dried fruit, or an apple. Donations of food or supplies for special events throughout the year will be collected when needed. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to the classroom in lieu of sending in specific items, please feel free to do so. We often utilize SignUpGenius.com to organize these donations.

Homework

- *Math Homework*- more information to follow next year. It is a district wide policy to have homework.
- *Reading Homework* – once guided reading begins in October your child will be required to read their guided reading book at home 10-15 minutes each night.
- *Spelling Homework* – once spelling begins in November practicing spelling words at home will be helpful.

Dismissals

If your child is not riding his/her assigned bus after school, I must have a note stating the change. This includes pickups, staying for scouts etc. All car riders are picked up from the side door at 3:30. If your child is being picked up from school before the end of the day you will need to pick them up in the office.

Please Note:

In an effort to help keep me organized, we are asking that any notes, book money, or the like be put into an envelope with a little notation on the outside similar to the example below. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Miller Book order money From Susan Smith
