



Welcome to First Grade!

September 4, 2024

Hello 1B Families!

I would first like to welcome you back to school! I hope your summer was wonderful. I am very excited to teach First Grade this school year! First grade is an exciting year of learning. We will start new adventures and routines while developing appropriate social behavior, work skills, problem solving, and strong academic skills. I hope to make your child's first grade experience an enjoyable one and to instill a love of learning that will carry on throughout his/her academic years.

This letter is to welcome you and your child to 1N and to serve as a reference. As we start the school year, I thank you for your patience and kindness as things can change as we get into the swing of the school year. Below you will see some opening guidelines and instructions. I will keep you updated on any changes. Please email me with any questions: NBonacciesainthelenaschool.org

- ★ Wednesday, September 4: Grades 1-4 Report, 3:00 Dismissal
- ★ Thursday September 5: Grades 5-8 Report - No School for Grades 1-4
- ★ Friday, September 6: Grades 1-8 Report 3:00 Dismissal

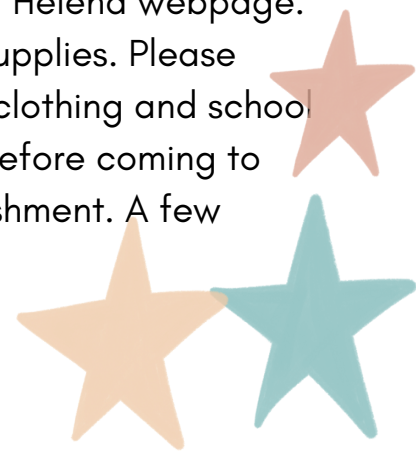
Transportation

Please tape a note inside your child's folder for the first 2 weeks stating his/her way of transportation home. If your child takes the bus home, please remember to include the district (ex. Wissahickon) and the bus number. There are many buses for each district.

School Supplies

For the list of First Grade school supplies, please go to the Saint Helena webpage. Click on the student tab. Then click on the link labeled School Supplies. Please place your child's name on everything, especially all of the gym clothing and school sweaters. Please make sure your child's pencils are sharpened before coming to school. Pencil cases will be sent home once a week for replenishment. A few additional items for this year include:

- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 container of clorox wipes
- 1 box of tissues



School Books

School Books will be sent home over the first few nights. Please cover all workbooks with clear contact paper. Copybooks do not need to be covered, although they do seem to last longer with contact paper. Also, **please label** each book with your **child's first and last name on the front cover.**

Backpacks

Please do not allow your child to bring any toys to school. Please monitor your child's backpack for items that could be a distraction.

H-Folder

Please check your child's H-Folder every night. This is a form of communication between home and school. Worksheets completed in school will be contained in the H-Folder. The completed pages may be kept at home. Notes you wish to send to school can be placed in this folder as well.

T-Folder

The T-folder is what I use to send home tests. Please make sure the T-folder is returned to me the next school day, along with any tests signed.

Homework

Homework for the week will be posted on our class page on the SHS website. Any loose homework sheets your child needs to complete will be placed in the H-folder by your child. All homework must be completed every night. Your child's homework will provide reinforcement for our daily work and will nurture a sense of responsibility in your child. Please sign your child's homework every night. Your signature on all homework is an indication to me that it has been supervised and done neatly and completely. If you observe your child having a problem with his/her homework please inform me with a note or email. Your child is responsible for turning in his/her homework each day.

Absence

Please call the school office and send me an email if your child is going to be absent. Missed work will be sent home, on the day your child returns, to be completed with you at home.



School Website

Please check the school website for calendar changes and events happening at SHS. Please check our class page for homework and other helpful reminders.

Snacks

Children will have snack recess every day. Please pack a snack for your child each day. Pretzels are also sold every day for 10:30 AM recess. A pretzel is \$.75. Children are welcome to buy a pretzel or bring their own snacks.

Lunch

Lunch will be a new experience for some children. An occasional note in their lunch box can make this easier and be a happy surprise. If hot lunch is being served that day, I will collect the money that morning. **All lunch money must be placed in an envelope with your child's name on it.** Loose money is lost very easily.

Birthdays

Birthdays are happy occasions to be celebrated! Please send me an email telling me when you would like the class to celebrate your child's birthday. Please do not send in juice or whole cakes as a snack. Simple treats already in individual pieces (cupcakes, cookies, brownies, donuts, etc.) are most welcome along with any napkins if needed.

If you are having a party for your child at home, you may send invitations into school provided they are for all of the girls or all of the boys or the whole class. If some of the children are not invited, please send the invitations by mail. This applies to Thank You notes, as well.

Dismissal

Please make sure your child knows how they are getting home each day.

Unless I receive a note or email stating a change in transportation, children will not be permitted to take an alternate form of transportation other than what you have stated on the bottom portion of this letter. If the change is made later in the day, please send me an email **and** call the office and I will get the message.

If your child is visiting someone else after school, I will need a note/email from both children's parents. Please include the transportation to be used. This is for your child's protection. Please note - a child may not ride on any other district's bus other than the one in which he/she lives. **(ex. if your child lives in the Methacton School District he/she may ride on a Wissahickon bus. These are the district's rules.)**



Email

My email is NBonacci@sainthelenaschool.org

Back to School Night

Please mark your calendars for our **Back To School Night**, which will be held on **Monday, September 16**. During this time we will discuss our curriculum, homework, goals for the year, and more. More information will be sent regarding Back to School Night.

Thank you for taking the time to read the above information. I know if we work together, we can provide a positive school experience for the children. I look forward to a wonderful year together!

Warmly,
Miss. Natalie Bonacci

Please complete and return back to school.
My child will take the following form of transportation home every day.

Name: _____

- Carline
 - Walker
 - Wissahickon # _____
 - Methacton # _____
 - Norristown # _____
 - North Penn # _____
 - Colonial # _____
 - Other: _____
 - Exceptions: _____
- Parent Signature: _____

