

Things You Should Know About 1st and 2nd Grade 2026-2027

Arrival: School doors will open at 8:05 and students may line up at their classroom doors. Classroom doors open at 8:10. Please feel free to walk your child in. Please note that the teacher's attention will be focused on the students arriving and making sure that everyone is ready to start the day.

If your child arrives at school AFTER the 8:15 start bell they must check in at the office and pick up a tardy slip.

Daily Dismissal begins each day at 3:10 p.m. (12:40 Friday) the first bell rings and the bus riders are dismissed. ONLY bus students are dismissed at this time. At 3:15 (12:45 Friday) the second bell rings and remaining students are dismissed to Kidzone or the car line. **Please be sure that your child's teacher knows his/her dismissal instructions.** This will help to lessen the confusion in the hallways and parking lot. Those students not riding the bus are walked to the outside pick up area/carline in front of the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. **If someone not listed as authorized is picking your child up, we will need a written note / email, before we can dismiss them.**

Communication: When you need to change your child's pick up routine, please do so by calling or emailing the school office BEFORE 2:30 p.m. You may email the information to the teacher and they can let your child know about the change. However, please note emails sent to teachers in the late afternoon, may not get seen by me until after school is dismissed.

Special Classes: Mon/Wed/ – Music Tues/Thurs/Fri – PE

PE: We are excited to let you know the students in grades K-2 will have Mrs. Laura Santiago as their dedicated PE assistant teacher. She will be under the direction of our PE / Athletic Director Paul Guardado. Students in grades K-2 will have PE classes on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and should be sure to wear athletic shoes on those days. We are looking forward to a GREAT year of exercise, fun and learning!

Lunch: Lunch time is 11:15 a.m. If your child forgets his/her lunch please be sure that it is delivered to the school office by 11 a.m. The office does have emergency lunches available for a small fee (that will be charged to your account) should you be unable to deliver a forgotten lunch. Students must have lunches that are "ready to eat." **We are unable to microwave lunches.**

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Be sure that your child is able to open up all of his/her containers. Please remember to provide any utensils needed!

Dress Code: Please note that our dress code states jewelry may not be worn at school. You can access the whole dress code in our school handbook on our website www.mgaes.org

Home-School Communication: Each Tuesday your student will bring home a Tuesday folder. Inside will be his/her finished work for you to review. Over the school year use this as a way to celebrate your student's growth or to start discussions about what they've been learning. There may also be notes from the office and Home & School. Please be sure to return the empty folder before the next Tuesday.

Tuesday Notes: Each Tuesday you will receive an email from me with all the news from the classrooms and office. Please be sure to read over all announcements carefully.

Water Bottles: Each student needs a water bottle (please, nothing over 30 oz) labeled with his/her name to keep at school. On Fridays they will be brought home for a good cleaning.

Snacks: I know that some students are up early and may be hungry mid-morning. He/she will be able to eat a snack at our morning break. Please feel free to enclose a snack item in his/her lunch box or backpack.

Birthdays: We love to celebrate! You are welcome to send store bought treats to school. Please note that individual goodies are strongly suggested, the simpler the better. (example: cupcakes, popsicles, cookies) It really helps if you send napkins too.

Birthday Parties: If your child is having a party please **do not distribute** invitations at school unless the entire class is included.