

# The ABC's of First Grade



**A** It is very important for your child to be at school everyday, but if your child will be **absent**, please call the office or send a note upon his/her return to let the office know. Your child will have **Art** with Mrs. Nalli. If your child has any **allergies**, please let the nurse know immediately. Also please do not sent in any peanut containing products to school .



**B** Your child will be bringing home Reading **books** each week. It is very important that you help your child be responsible and caring for their **books**. They also need to bring their folder and homework each day.



**C** **Communication** is important. Feel free to contact me whenever you have questions or concerns. You can reach me by phone before/after school (724) 375-6691 or school email: [huntc@hopewellarea.org](mailto:huntc@hopewellarea.org) or by note.

Your child will have **Computer Class** with Mrs. Daley.



**D** **Discipline** – Good behavior is vital for optimal learning in first grade! We begin to learn the school rules on the very first day of school. Your child will bring home a record of their daily behavior.

Your child's daily folder is called a **D.O.T.** book, which stands for **Daily** Organizational Tool.



**E** My **email** address is [huntc@hopewellarea.org](mailto:huntc@hopewellarea.org). I send out a lot of last minute updates via email, so please check those regularly.

Please make sure that the information on your child's **emergency card** is always current.



**F** Information about upcoming **fieldtrips** will be sent home in the D.O.T Book.



**G** We will have **Gym** (P.E.) with Mrs. Kozlowski. Please have your child wear gym shoes on that day.



**H** First Graders will have **homework**. Please check the weekly homework sheet for assignments and dates. If your child does not return the homework, he/she will miss recess until it is completed.



**I** **Indedpenence** is a goal for all students. If your child cannot tie his/her own shoes yet, please keep practicing at home.



**J** When the weather gets cooler, please make sure your child wears a **jacket** to school. Also please write your child's name inside their jacket.



**K** **Keep** me informed of any changes in your child's life or home situation. Also **keep** emergency card updated.



**L** First Grade eats **lunch** from 11:35 – 12:05. We have **Library** with Mrs. Baldauf. Please make sure your child takes care of his/her library book.



**M** Your child will have **Music** with Mrs. Kobaly.

Please send any **money** in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and teacher's name on the envelope, and place it the D.O.T. book.

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Improving **neatness** and organization are important in first grade. As teachers, we support cleanliness in students' desks, classrooms, backpacks, and personal areas. First grade is also a time to focus on neatness of work and handwriting.



Weather permitting, we have recess **outside**. Please dress your child appropriately for the temperature, and please remember that all sunscreen must be applied at home for sunny days.



Please join and get involved with the **P.T.A.** Please do not send any products containing **Peanuts, tree nuts, or eggs** to the school. This includes lunch, snacks, and birthday treats. The cafeteria serves "sunbutter" made from sunflower seeds if your child would like a traditional pb& j sandwich.



Please feel free to ask any **questions**. I can be reached by note, phone, or e-mail. E-mail is the best way to reach me, and I will try to respond in a timely manner.



Please **read** with your child every night. **Report Cards** will be sent home four times a year. First graders will receive letter grades in Reading, Spelling, and Math. Printing will be evaluated as (O)utstanding, (S)atisfactory, and (N)eeds Improvement.



We will not have **snack** time during the day. If your child has a medical reason to have a snack at a certain time, please let the nurse know.

Please refer to the **supply** list for first grade to purchase any supplies your child does not have yet.

If you would like to donate **supplies** to the classroom, they would be greatly appreciated! We are always in need of tissues, hand sanitizer, baggies, sanitizing wipes, baby wipes, and craft supplies such as cotton balls, fuzzy sticks and googly eyes.



Please don't allow your child to bring **toys** to school. They can become a distraction in our classroom and are often misplaced. I will collect toys and keep them until the end of the day.

Without a note, your child must be placed in his or her regular **transportation** line at the end of the day.

Your child will be **tested** regularly in Reading, Spelling and Math. Printing will be evaluated on the Spelling test.



Please keep the office **updated** of any address, phone number or situational changes for your child.



If you wish to **volunteer** at school or go on field trips, you **MUST** be a member of the P.T.A., **AND** have up-to-date background checks on file in the office.



Please check out our district's **website** [www.hopewellarea.org](http://www.hopewellarea.org) for important information and updates.



We will have many fun and **eXciting eXperiences** in 1st grade!



**You** are your child's first and most important teacher. I hope that we can work together this **year** to make your child's 1st grade school year a huge success!



**ZZZZZZ.....**Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest in order to perform his or her best every day.

This year will **zoom** by, so let's make the best of it!