Dear Parents and New First Graders,

Welcome to first grade! I am very excited to meet all of you! We will have a lot of fun this year AND learn a lot too. Here’s a little about me. I graduated from Neshaminy High School. I hold a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education and certifications in Elementary Education, Mathematics, Special Education and English as a Second Language. I’ve been teaching in the Neshaminy School District since 1993 and have been teaching first grade since 2003. First grade is a wonderful grade!

(This is a picture from our vacation. Do you know where we went?)

I am married, have two sons and a cat. My youngest son, Matthew, will be in seventh grade this year and my older son, Mikeal (Michael), will be in ninth grade (High School!). I met my husband at a community volleyball program and still play. I was also a competitive gymnast and would love to still be doing that today! My family likes to watch movies together, go to the shore and play laser tag together. I can’t wait to find out what you like to do!

To help me and the class learn a little about you, on the first day of school please bring in a picture or object that tells something about you or something you like to do. I’ll ask you to tell 3 facts about the picture or object before showing it to the class.

If you have ANY questions or concerns (at any time), please email me at [swendling@neshaminy.org](mailto:swendling@neshaminy.org). Please allow a day or two for me to get back to you. I check email only when students are not in the classroom. There are some days when meetings and scheduling do not permit me to check email after my initial check in the morning.

The suggested materials list is below. If you are not able to purchase any of these supplies, please let me know.

I am also attaching a dismissal form. Please return it to me on the first day of school or bring it to our First Grade Meet and Greet. You can update changes as needed. Please be aware I will be following this written dismissal plan each day. **Any changes must be made with a note. Students cannot verbally explain a change.**  It is especially helpful for children to follow their regular dismissal plan from the very first day of school.

I can’t wait to see all of my new first graders, on August 30, 2018! Please use the enclosed label to write your name (what you would like me to call you) and the way you will be going home the first day (i.e. walker, bus 10, Kids Club). Please wear this label the first day of school. If the name you use is significantly different than your given name, please write you given name in small letters on your label so that I can match your name to my class list.

If you know of anyone in our class who did not receive a letter, please direct them to my website at www.neshaminy.org/tes (click on Staff and then my name). ☺ Mrs. Susan Wendling

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES Shopping List – Please purchase/acquire:

MEET AND GREET! Come to the First Grade Meet and Greet and drop off all your supplies so you don’t have to carry them the first day of school! Find your desk and meet me! AUGUST 29 AT 12:30 – 1:30.

* + 1 inch view binder (binder with a place to slide a paper in on the cover)
  + ½ inch binder (prefer) OR report cover with 3 prongs that will hold sheet protectors
  + 8 binder dividers, with pockets, numbered from 1 to 8. Please place inside 1-inch binder
  + a standard-sized pencil box
  + 24 sharpened pencils (mechanical pencils are encouraged IF your child is able to write without breaking the point)
  + a large eraser
  + one pair of blunt-tipped scissors (Fiskars are best.)
  + 4 glue sticks (or scrap book roller type glue)
  + 4 black dry erase markers (I prefer thin tip, if you can get them.)
  + a small box of crayons, (Twistables are a good alternative as they reduce sharpening needs.)
  + package of sheet protectors
  + 1 plastic folder labeled with your child's name in large letters
  + a Water bottle to be kept at child’s seat (to minimize spills the bottles must have a sports-

top/snap lid.)

* + a set of inexpensive headphones in a heavy duty gallon size Ziploc baggie, label BOTH with name. (The Dollar Store has headphones.)
  + a container of play dough

BOYS

~1 container of Lysol, Clorox wipes

~1 box of heavy duty slide-lock sandwich baggies

GIRLS

~a box of tissues

~1 container of Baby wipes

Wish List: Extra glue sticks, extra play dough

Daily Dismissal Schedule

Please fill out your child’s dismissal schedule to the best of your ability at this time. Any change to this plan needs to be made with a note- students cannot just tell us verbally. Please return this form on the first day of school to help ensure your child getting home safely. Early dismissals are sometimes necessary, particularly in the winter months. If you wish your child to be sent home by their regular means of transportation (i.e. bus or walker) please check the appropriate box under each day.

Child’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date completed:

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| **Monday** | Bus # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Walker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Van \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kid’s Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  If there is Emergency Early Dismissal your child will go home this same way unless noted below: |
| **Tuesday** | Bus # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Walker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Van \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kid’s Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  If there is Emergency Early Dismissal your child will go home this same way unless noted below: |
| **Wednesday** | Bus # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Walker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Van \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kid’s Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  If there is Emergency Early Dismissal your child will go home this same way unless noted below: |
| **Thursday** | Bus # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Walker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Van \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kid’s Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  If there is Emergency Early Dismissal your child will go home this same way unless noted below: |
| **Friday** | Bus # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Walker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Van \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kid’s Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  If there is Emergency Early Dismissal your child will go home this same way unless noted below: |
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Parent’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_