WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!!!!!

Dear First Grade Family,

Welcome to the Schenck Elementary Family! We are excited that your child will be joining us for the 2019-2020 school year, and look forward to getting to know your child and family very soon! In this packet, you will find a lot of useful information about our building, both first grade teachers, other teachers involved in first grade, our basic daily schedules, and our first grade supply list! Again, welcome to our amazing family!

Sincerely, Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Deaton

Building Information:

Schenck Elementary 350 Arlington Avenue

743-8665

Principal : Deborah Kienle Secretary: Holly Overholtz

Students are permitted to enter the building each day at 8:10am, Breakfast is served to all students 8:10-8:30 (FREE). Students entering the building after 8:30am are tardy and will need to sign in with the office. Dismissal begins at 3:10, students must be picked up before 3:30pm.

IF your student is absent, please contact the office ASAP to notify the school. Upon return to school, please send in any doctor excuse memos or a written notice of the absence to your child's teacher. Our district attendance policy is listed in the student handbook you will receive in August

Contacting Your Teacher:

Both teachers' email is listed below, feel free to email your child's teacher with any questions, concerns, or to communicate about your child's academic/social progress. Parents may also call the main office as a means of communication- you may leave a message with our secretary, or ask to leave a message for the teacher on voicemail. Please allow up to 24 hours for a response. The most efficient means of communication is through DoJo! Parents are HIGHLY encouraged to download the app and add your child with their specific code! Instructions on how to complete this task is attached in this packet:)

LUNCH Information:

Hot lunch is provided to each student for \$2.70 (2018-2019 school lunch price- subject to change). Students may order from the regular menu item listed for the day OR the following options: peanut butter sandwich, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, or grilled cheese sandwich. With each option they will receive: a veggie/fruit side item and a drink (milk/juice). ALL other items are sold at an extra cost (between .25 and .75 cents): chips, fruit roll ups, ice cream, bottled water. Students are also permitted to pack a lunch- all items should be provided in the packed lunch (please DO NOT send pop/soda for drinks).

Teacher Information:

In our building, there are two first grade teachers; Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Deaton. We work together daily along with our Title 1 teacher, Ms. Myers and our Fast Forward administrator, Mr. Wainscott to ensure that all students are given instruction based on their needs and abilities to optimize success within first grade and beyond. Each first grade student will work with all four teachers throughout the year. Below is information regarding each teacher that will provide instruction during the first grade year.

Mrs. Cassie Blair:

Mrs. Blair is entering year 14 of teaching, all years have been within the Franklin City school district, 13 years at Schenck. Mrs. Blair is a graduate of Franklin High School and Wilmington College with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a Reading Endorsement. Aside from teaching, Mrs. Blair loves to spend quality time with her husband and sons (Spencer, a soon to be 5th grader at Schenck and Brody, who is 18 months old), and coaches the Franklin High School sideline and competition cheerleaders. Mrs. Blair's contact info: cblair@franklincityschools.com

Mrs. Katie Deaton:

Mrs. Deaton graduated from Miami University in Spring of 2013 with her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. This is her 7th year of teaching, all have been in Franklin! She can teach preschool through 5th grade but first grade is her favorite! Her favorite subjects to teach are reading and science. In her spare time she enjoys reading lots of books, cooking, spending time with family, and spending time outside. She lives in Middletown, OH with her husband Curtis, her two step-children Collin and Sarah, and her sons, Nolan (almost 3), and Ben (almost 2), and her two pups Damon and Dalton. Mrs. Deaton's contact info: kdeaton@franklincityschools.com

Ms. Mary Myers is new to the Title I position this school year, for the past 12 years, she has taught 5/6th grade math. Mary has also taught in grades 1-6 over her 30+ year teaching career. Ms. Myers contact info: mmyers@franklincityschools.com

Mr. Kyle Wainscott is our building Fast Forward administrator. He works with first grade during morning ELA/ Reading rotations to allow students the district mandated time for 30 minutes of Fast Forward each day. Mr. Wainscott is also very helpful in working with students throughout the year for intervention or enrichment. Mr. Wainscott contact info: kwainscott@franklincityschools.com

Your first grader will also have 4 "Special" Teachers for:

Physical Education: Mrs. Black (<u>mblack@franklincityschools.com</u>)

Art: Mrs. Roberts <u>kroberts2@franklincityschools.com</u>)
Tech/Library: Ms. Ball (<u>aball@franklincityschools.com</u>)
Music: Mr. Hollon (khollon@franklincityschools.com)

Daily Schedule

8:10- Students are permitted to enter the building for breakfast (if not eating breakfast, they will wait in the cafeteria with classmates

8:20- Kiddos are dismissed from cafeteria to come to classroom

8:30- School day officially begins- at this time, we will take attendance and lunch count and Mrs. Kienle will do morning announcements

9-11:20am- ELA/ READING/ SPELLING- leveled rotations and fast forward are during this time M-TH, Friday is our assessment day

11:40-12:30- Lunch and recess

12:40-1:45- MATH

1:45-2- writing

2-2:20- Science or Social Studies

Between 9:15 and 9:45 there will be a "snack time" students may bring a HEALTHY snack to class each day to eat at this time- IF you would like to provide individually packaged snacks for us to share, it is greatly appreciated

Within each transition we provide a restroom break for all students

Schenck First Grade Supply List

- (1) pencil box
- (1) pair of scissors
- (2) boxes of crayons
- (12) glue sticks
- (3) big erasers
- (4) 12 packs of pencils The **best** brand to get is Ticonderoga... they last a LONG time and sharpen the easiest!
- (1) pack of Expo dry erase markers thin OR thick
- (2) composition notebooks (any color)
- (2) blue spiral bound notebooks
- (2) 3 prong folders- any color
- (1) pair of headphones for technology class we recommend headphones and NOT earbuds
- (1) large, old shirt for art class
- (1) backpack (no wheels please)
- (1) box sandwich OR quart size ziplock baggies
- (4) boxes of tissues
- (1) roll of paper towels
- (1) pair of gym shoes for gym class (needs to have laces or velcro)

Items appreciated as donations:

- Clorox Wipes
- Baby Wipes
- Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
- Extra notebooks: blue and composition
- Extra boxes of crayons, pencils, extra supplies, etc.

*Please send in your smaller items (ex: pencils, erasers, glue sticks, etc.) in a ziplock bag with your child's name on the front. We will keep additional items in the ziplock bag to use throughout the school year. We will be labeling the other items (ex: notebooks, crayons, etc.) during the first week of school, so you do NOT need to label those.

Please label and put into a gallon sized baggie: headphones and art shirt