

# Welcome to 1st Grade



**Ms. Arenas**

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to our 1st grade class at the School of Creativity and Innovation! I, Ms. Arenas, will be your child's teacher this year. It is going to be a year full of fun, learning, and lots of adventure. I cannot wait to see what the year has in store for us.

I am eager to work as a “teacher and parents team” to help make your child's overall learning experience a positive and challenging one! Remember, the educational process **begins at home**. To help build on that education, we need a “helping hand” from home – that hand belongs to you!

**Here is more important information for the school year:**

**Morning drop off and afternoon dismissal:** Please drop off and pick up your child at the assigned location on time. For late drop-off or early dismissal, please send me a message through Class Dojo. Dismissal will be at the Main Entrance of the school.

**Blue Card & Emergency Contact:** Each student should have a completed emergency contact card (blue card) on file. Blue cards are currently completed and housed in our OPEROO APP. If there are any changes to parents' contact information, please notify us so it can be updated

accordingly. Please update all emergency contacts on your child's blue card in the event that you are unable to pick up your child. If the person picking up your child is not listed on the blue card we are unable to release your child due to safety protocols. Bring your ID for verification purposes.

**Change of clothes:** Please send in two changes of clothing including underwear, shirts, pants, and socks labeled with **your child's first and last name** in a Ziploc Bag.

**Take-home/Homework Folder:** Your child will bring a take-home folder home every day. Inside the folder, you will find your child's weekly homework packet (to be returned the following Monday), letters that need to be returned to school, newsletters, and updates on what is happening in our school and classroom. **Please empty the folder and return it to school the next day.** Homework packets will be sent home on every Monday and can be completed at your own pace. **It is essential that you check your child's homework folder every night in order to maintain constant, efficient communication between school and home.**

**Snack/lunch:** We will provide a healthy lunch every day. You can view the lunch menu on our school website. If your child prefers to bring their own lunch/snack, they're welcome to do so. Please send your child to school with a healthy snack/lunch labeled in a bag/lunch bag. Healthy snacks include fruits, vegetables, seaweed, yogurt, pretzels, and crackers. Unhealthy snacks such as candy will be sent home with a reminder note. Your child can also bring in a water bottle labeled with their name to drink throughout the day and during lunchtime.

**Sneakers:** Sneakers should be worn every day. We are extremely active each day, and dress shoes or flip-flops are not appropriate for many of our activities.

**Toys:** Please **do not allow** your child to bring toys from home to school. We want to avoid the risk of personal items being misplaced or broken. We have plenty of toys here at school for all the children to play with.

**Birthday:** We celebrate the birthdays of our students in different ways in our school. To ensure that instruction is not disrupted several times during the week for parties, all birthday celebrations will be held on one day during the week, which will be held on **Friday afternoons during period 8**. As for the distribution of small gifts, we do not recommend parents to prepare food, you can choose to have something like a notepad, pencil, erasers, etc. **Please inform me at least a week ahead.**

I am looking forward to a fantastic 2025- 2026 school year together!

Warmly,

Ms. Arenas