



Forward to First Grade

June 2024

Dear First Grade Families,

We are so excited to welcome your family into our 1st grade community! We have some wonderful activities planned. In 1st grade, our students will be learning about academics like Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies. We will also be learning about Social Emotional Learning, which is about how to make good choices and develop healthy friendships. In 2024, your child will be given the tools and opportunities to really explore learning.

To get ready for *Forward to First grade*, the teachers ask every student to review the kindergarten sight words and read daily. The goal is that every first grader reads or will be read to for 10 minutes a day at the start of the school year. This increases to 20 minutes a day from January to June.

Finally, we ask that the students begin the year by bringing a "ME" bag to school. This "me bag" will allow your child to share details about them and their families. Please have your child start thinking about some of their favorite things they want to share about themselves. We will be asking for a 4 by 6 picture of your family and a 4 by 6 picture of your family pet. We look forward to learning more about you! Have a relaxing and wonderful summer with your family making memories we can share throughout the year!

Upcoming Dates & Events

The first-grade team would like to meet each child sometime within the first few weeks of August. We will also be testing each student on Kindergarten sight-words and reading level. This helps us in planning how we will start the beginning of the year curriculum. Please be on the look-out for a Sign-up Genius form to pick a time and date to come to school. The email will be sent towards the end of July.

On **Thursday, August 22, 2024**, there will be a meet the teacher and drop off any supplies from **1:30pm to 2:30pm**. *From 2:30pm to 3pm, there will be a popsicle party in the playground.*

We look forward to the upcoming school year and can't wait to meet all of the incoming 1st graders. The first day of school is **Monday, August 26, 2024 at 8am**.

We have attached the following for your convenience: Supply list for First Grade, sight word review sheet and School Fee Letter.

Sincerely,

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Canty School First grade Supply List

2024-2025 School Year



Items parent's need to purchase

1 pencil case with zipper (no boxes) ~ Label with student's name

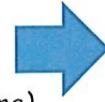
1 Reusable Non-Spill Water Bottle ~ Label with student's name

1 pair of quality over the ear headphones (**no earbuds**) (If headphones break, a replacement will be needed) ~ Label with name

2 boxes of kid **Band-Aids**

1 packages of addition flashcards 0-12 ~ (Please make sure you also have one for home)

1 packages of subtraction flashcards 0-12 ~ (Please make sure you also have one for home)



* Please be aware that some supplies might need to be replenished over the school year.

Good supplies to have at home for homework:

Crayola crayons, pencils, erasers, sharpener, scissors and glue

These items will be purchased by the school, for every first-grade student, from the School Fees:

Reams of paper

Crayola crayons ~ 24 pack

Pre-sharpened pencils ~ **Ticonderoga brand only** (MUST BE SHARPENED)

Elmer glue sticks ~ purple ~ no bottles

EXPO dry erase markers

Rounded tip kid scissors

Large pink erasers

Package of highlighters

Paper towels

Kleenex tissue boxes (160 count or higher)

Package of baby wipes

Container of **Lysol or Clorox** wipes (80 count or higher)

Box of **Hefty** 2.5 gallon baggies (15 count)

School-Home Folder

School Planner

Do not buy!

Kindergarten Sight Words

I like to you and

are do the see my

made is there me on

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First Grade Sight Vocabulary

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School Fees 2024-2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued support of our school. Student fees are applied to every student in grades K-8th. **The \$100 fee will be added to your child's Aspen account.** Fees are due by October 1st. Beginning October 16th the fee will increase to \$125. The school fees cover a MAJORITY of the school supplies for students and (one) 1 bus per homeroom for field trips.

School fees must be paid prior to participation in field trips/events as voted on by the LSC (Local School Council). To avoid having multiple unpaid fees on your account, we suggest paying before the next school year's fee is added. All fees including school trips, graduation, etc. must be paid on Aspen Parent Portal. Cash and checks are no longer available for payment. If you have not created a Parent Portal account or need any assistance, call the school office.

No student will be denied required materials because of financial hardship. ***If you need to discuss a payment plan for the school fee, please call the school office.*** Determination of financial hardship will be made upon completion of the Family Income Form and the Student Waiver form that can be requested from the school office. Fees will be waived for families that have completed all steps for a fee waiver.

The School Fee pays for supplemental materials that are crucial for learning for all students such as:

- ❖ MAJORITY of School Supplies- such as reams of paper, binders, glue sticks, post-it notes, etc.
- ❖ Consumable materials for Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies (novels, vocabulary books, math workbooks, academic magazines for Reading, Social Studies, Science, and Health)
- ❖ Academic Online programs such as: Reading A-Z and IXL
- ❖ Student Planners
- ❖ One bus per homeroom in grade K-8 to offset the cost of one student field trip each year.

How to pay fees and or past debt on Aspen Parent Portal.

1. Log into CPS Parent Portal using your Username and Password.
2. On the top right corner of the page should be a button with three lines. Click on it to open the sidebar menu. If you have more than one student on your parent portal account, you will have to toggle between the students accounts on the left side of the screen.
3. Scroll down to the FEE tab.
4. The student transaction page will open. To pay you need to click the box next to the fee or debt you want to pay.
5. Once you have selected the line you want to pay for, the "pay online" button will be highlighted. Click on it and it will take you to the EPAY page to complete payment.
6. If you have questions feel free to contact the school office.