

July 18, 2019

Dear Evergreen Academy Families:

Welcome back! I am Brittany Jager the principal here at Evergreen Academy. Welcome to our amazing school! We are so excited to start this 2019-2020 school year together. Evergreen Academy prides itself on academics, well-rounded education, dedicated educators, and so much more! We are so thankful to our returning families and excitedly welcome our new families.

We have a lot to look forward to this year. We are continuing in our partnership with the local YMCA for Evergreen students to attend gym classes with Coach Pete every week! Kalamazoo Free Methodist graciously opens their doors to allow for our monthly Character Counts Awards Assembly. We also work closely with Kalamazoo Public Safety and other community leaders to come into the school and teach our students about safety and careers.

Your student's safety is our number one priority at Evergreen. We are excited to share that we are an ALICE Certified School. Our staff members go through extensive training to ensure the safety of our students during any emergency! If you have any questions about our emergency policies, please feel free to stop by or set up an appointment.

If you are looking for a way to get involved at Evergreen, please contact me via email, phone, or appointment and I will be happy to get information to you on volunteering and/or joining our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). We encourage a healthy school and home working relationship throughout the school year.

Our goals for your student are clear; We want to see your student succeed academically and socially. We want them to thrive in an environment filled with supportive staff and resources. We will celebrate their successes throughout the year, no matter how big or small. We will greet your student(s) as they arrive, be a presence in the hallway and classrooms, and be ready to start each day as a new adventure. Most importantly, your student is here to learn in a safe and caring community, which they will find at Evergreen.

I appreciate all the parent, family, and community support we have received over the past few years at Evergreen. I see a future of positive and strong success for your student to leave Evergreen as well-rounded individuals and ready to make a positive impact on this world.

Please do not hesitate to call, email, or make an appointment if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas in which you would like to discuss.

Enjoy the rest of you summer!

Best Regards,

Brittany Jager, Principal

A decorative border of various colored pencils (red, blue, green, yellow, purple, brown, grey) is arranged in a semi-circle around the text.

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Hello! I am so excited to be your child's Kindergarten teacher! Our day will be filled with LOTS of reading, hands-on math activities, science exploring and experiments, character building activities, writing, and art projects. I love to use music so anticipate your student coming home singing!

Many school items will be supplied for your child. Following are a few things they will need to bring on the first day and will be added to the class supply:

- ♥ 24 pack Crayola crayons
- ♥ 5-10 glue sticks
- ♥ A pack of colored pencils

The following items will be left at school to be used by your student:

- ♥ an extra set of labeled uniform clothing (in case your child has an accident/spill)
- ♥ gym shoes for weekly visits to the YMCA (new or used and clean)
- ♥ Five wide-ruled notebooks (blue for reading, purple for writing, black for math, green for science, and red for social studies)

The following are items we use frequently throughout the year and would love donations:

- ♥ Clorox/Lysol wipes
- ♥ Baby wipes
- ♥ Kleenex
- ♥ Dry Erase Markers

We will provide a communication folder that will need to be checked each night. Please make sure that your child has a backpack that will fit a folder in it and that it is brought EVERY day. Also, since we do have the uniform policy (solid white shirts with collars and blue pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers), PLEASE label your child's clothes and other commonly misplaced items.

We understand how exciting and nervous you all may be about your child taking this big step. Please be reassured that we are in this together! While we know this will be difficult, please do your best to leave your child as quickly as possible when they are dropped off on the first day of school. It really does help your child transition better. I promise they are in wonderful, caring hands

Sincerely,
Your Kindergarten Teacher



Dear First Grade Families,

Hello! ☺ I am so excited to be your child's first grade teacher! It is important to have your input! Please let me know if there is anything you would like me to know about your student. When you and I work as a team, I believe that your child can receive the best education possible. Anytime you have something that you would like to discuss with me, please write me a note, drop by the classroom, or give me a phone call. I will get back to you as quickly as possible. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. My goal is to make your child's learning experience a truly positive one.

Most school items will be supplied for your child, but there are a few things he/she will need to bring on the first day:

- ❖ 24 pack or more crayons (to be shared amongst the classroom)
- ❖ 12 pack or more colored pencils (to be shared amongst the classroom)
- ❖ 3-4 glue sticks
- ❖ Back pack
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Plastic Folder
- ❖ 4 school notebooks
- ❖ Pencils, Erasers, pencil sharpener (with closed container to catch shavings)
- ❖ an extra set of labeled clothing (in case your child has an accident)
- ❖ gym shoes (new or used and clean) for weekly trips to the YMCA
- ❖ Art shirt labeled with child's name
- ❖ Fine Tip white board marker

The following are items we use frequently throughout the year and would love donations:

- ❖ Clorox/Lysol wipes
- ❖ Erasers
- ❖ Art supplies (pom poms, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, etc.)
- ❖ Lined paper
- ❖ Kleenex
- ❖ Ziploc baggies - various sizes
- ❖ Pencil Grippers
- ❖ Pencil Sharpeners
- ❖ Hand Sanitizer
- ❖ Washable markers
- ❖ Expo markers

Also, since we do have the uniform policy (solid white shirts with collars and blue pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers) we have lots of identical clothing. PLEASE label your child's sweaters, coats, lunchboxes and all those other commonly misplaced items.

I understand how exciting and nervous you all may be about your child taking this big step. Please be reassured that we are in this together! While I know this will be difficult, please do your best to leave your child as quickly as possible when they are dropped off on the first day of school. It really does help your child transition better. I promise they are in wonderful, caring hands. I look forward to meeting you at the open house on Wednesday, August 28th, 3-6pm. Have a fantastic rest of your summer and I will see you Tuesday, September 3rd at 8am!

Sincerely,
Your First Grade Teacher



Dear Second Grade Families,

Hello! I am looking forward to being your child's second grade teacher. Please let me know if there is anything I should be aware of that would benefit your child's learning experience. My classroom door is always open if you ever need anything. If you ever have something that you would like to discuss with me please let me know either by a phone call, note, or at pick up and drop off. I am excited to be working with you and your child this school year!

Most school items will be supplied for your child, but there are a few things he/she will need to bring on the first day of school.

- 24 pack Crayola Crayons or more (to be shared with the class)
- Pack of colored pencils (to be shared with the class)
- Pencils, Erasers, pencil sharpener
- 4 school notebooks
- 3-4 glue sticks
- Scissors
- Backpack
- Folder
- Art shirt-please label your child's shirt with their name (old t-shirt or button-down shirt is fine)
- Extra pair of shoes for our weekly visits to the YMCA (the can be new or used but need to be clean)
- Fine tip white board marker

The following items are used frequently throughout the year and we would love donations:

*Clorox/Lysol wipes

*Hand sanitizer

*Art supplies (pom poms, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, etc.)

*Lined Paper

*Erasers

*Kleenex

*Pencils

*washable markers

*Expo Markers

*Glue Sticks

We have a uniform policy (solid white shirts with collars and blue pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers) we have lots of identical clothing. PLEASE make sure to label your child's sweaters, coats, lunchbox, and other common items.

I look forward to meeting you at the open house on Wednesday, August 28th, 3:00-6:00 pm. Have a fantastic rest of summer and I will see you Tuesday, September 3rd at 8am!

-Your Second Grade Teacher

Dear Third Grade Families,



Hello! ☺ I am thrilled to be your child's third grade teacher! Your input is very important to me! Please let me know how your child feels about third grade. Anytime you have something that you would like to discuss with me, please write me a note or give me a call. I will get back to you as quickly as possible. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. My goal is to make your child's learning experience a truly positive one.

The following items are highly recommend to help your child on the first day of school:

- ♥ pencil box/pencils/erasers
- ♥ crayons/colored pencils
- ♥ markers
- ♥ flashcards ~ addition/subtraction/**multiplication/division**
- ♥ glue sticks
- ♥ scissors
- ♥ homework folder and 7 folders for class subjects (Folders will be provided for any students that do not have them)
- ♥ 5 notebooks for interactive writing (red, blue, yellow, green, and black)
- ♥ gym shoes (they need an extra pair to wear at the YMCA-new or used & clean)
- ♥ art shirt (Any shirt that it is ok to get messy, please label with child's name)

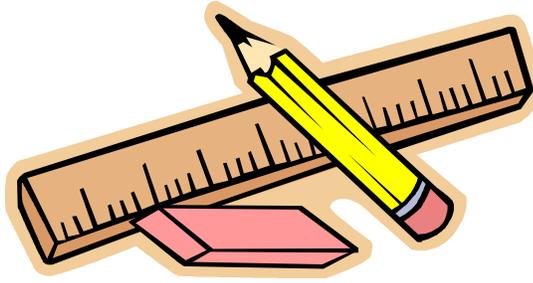
The following are items we use frequently throughout the year and would love donations:

- ♥ notebook paper
- ♥ Kleenex (we can never have too much)
- ♥ Clorox wipes
- ♥ hand sanitizer
- ♥ whiteboard markers
- ♥ crayons/colored pencils/markers
- ♥ books (new or gently used)
- ♥ Ziploc baggies (all sizes)
- ♥ Small items for the prize box (cool pencils, erasers, small candies or toys)

I look forward to meeting you at the open house on xxxxxxxx, August 30th, 3:00-6:00 pm. Have a fantastic rest of summer and I will see you Tuesday, September 5th!

Sincerely,
Your Third Grade Teacher





Dear Fourth Grade Families,

Hello! I am excited about being your child's fourth grade teacher this year. I look forward to meeting you and your child in the fall. We will have an active and fun filled year. Anytime you have something you would like to discuss with me, please write me a note, drop by the classroom, or give me a call. I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

If you are starting your shopping early, here is a list of supplies your child will need for the upcoming school year.

- pencils
- pencil box
- colored pencils/markers (student's choice)
- erasers
- 5 folders for class subjects
- 1 three ringed binder or trapper keeper
- 5 different colored spiral notebooks- **black, green, yellow, red, blue**
- gym shoes (for weekly YMCA gym class, can be new or cleaned used)
- art shirt (please put your child's name on it, can be a parents old shirt)

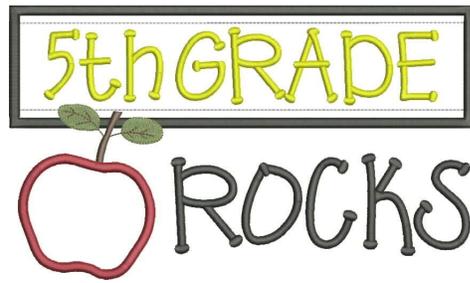
If you are able to donate to our classroom, here is our Classroom Wish List:

- Kleenex (we can never have too much)
- Clorox wipes
- Lysol spray

Also, since we do have the uniform policy (solid white shirts with collars and blue pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers) we have lots of identical clothing. PLEASE label your child's sweaters, coats, lunchboxes and all those other commonly misplaced items.

I look forward to meeting you at the open house on Wednesday, August 28th, 3:00-6:00 pm. Have a fantastic rest of summer and I will see you Tuesday, September 3rd!

Sincerely,
Your Fourth Grade Teacher



Dear Fifth Grade Families,

Hello! I am excited about being your child's fifth grade teacher this year. I look forward to meeting you and your child in the fall. We will have an active and fun filled year. Anytime you have something you would like to discuss with me, please write me a note, or give me a call at the school. I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

If you are starting your shopping early, here is a list of supplies your child will need for the upcoming school year.

- pencils (please make sure you have #2 pencils)
- 3 different colored highlighters
- 3" x 5" white index cards (2 packs)
- 5 different colored spiral notebooks- black, green, yellow, red, blue
- blue and red pen
- pencil box (large enough to hold all colored pencils/pens/highlighters/scissors/etc)
- crayons/colored pencils (student's choice)
- glue sticks
- scissors
- ruler
- erasers
- 1 three ringed binder or trapper keeper
- 5 subject dividers for binder
- Gym shoes (for weekly YMCA gym class, can be new or cleaned used)
- Art shirt (please put your child's name on it, can be a parent's old shirt)

If you are able to donate to our classroom, here is our Classroom Wish List:

- Kleenex (we can never have too much)
- Clorox wipes
- Lysol spray
- Large white poster board

Also, since we do have the uniform policy (solid white shirts with collars and blue pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers) we have lots of identical clothing. PLEASE label your child's sweaters, coats, lunchboxes and all those other commonly misplaced items.

I look forward to meeting you at the open house on Wednesday, August 28th, 3:00-6:00 pm. Have a fantastic rest of summer and I will see you Tuesday, September 3rd!

Sincerely,
Your Fifth Grade Teacher