

July 11, 2018

Welcome to Kindergarten & 1st Grade!

My name is Bonnie McKay and I am pleased to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. I am looking forward to having your child in my class. Kindergarten and 1st grade are both such fun years and they are my favorite to teach! I am committed to creating a classroom environment where your child is an integral part of their learning. I believe children learn best when they are engaged in hands on activities that are meaningful to them. I am looking forward to partnering with you in your child's education.

Mark your calendars for these important dates:

- August 3rd: 6:00 - 8:00 Orientation and Back to School Night (Adult Only)
 - 6:00-6:45 New-to-Redwood Orientation: Learn and have your questions answered about school logistics including carpool line procedures, extracurriculars, volunteer opportunities, and more. If you are not new to Redwood but would like a refresher, please join us!
 - 6:46-7:30 Back to School Night for all Redwood Families: Meet the Redwood Teachers, hear about new policies, procedures and programs.
 - 7:30 Meet with classroom teachers for some getting-to-know-you time.
- August 9th and 10th: Opening Conferences
 - Parents/guardians and students meet with teachers for an opening conference and brief assessment that will assist the teachers in preparing for each student to begin the school year. During this time, I will have some papers for you to fill out about your child to help me get to know them.
 - **Sign-ups can be found at this link:**
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0448AAA62DA0FB6-back
- August 13th: 6:00-8:00 Family Fun Night!
 - 6:00-7:00 Meet in our classroom for a fun class social with classmates and teachers.
 - 7:00-8:00 Join us on the playground for a playground playdate and social hour with the whole school.
- August 15th: First Day of the 2018/19 School Year
 - School hours are 8:15-3:15. It is very important that your child arrives on time each morning. Japanese begins at 8:20 and I do not want anyone to miss it!

Your child will need the following items at school each day:

- Snack & Lunch - please label which item is to be used as snack if you have a preference.

- Water Bottle - Bring a labeled water bottle filled with water each day. We will send this water bottle home each afternoon to be cleaned.
- Extra Clothes - These clothes should be placed in a Ziploc bag and labeled with your child's name. Please include a shirt, pair of pants/shorts, underwear, and socks. We will change these clothes as the seasons change.
- Labeled Rainboots and Raincoat – We will switch these out for winter boots and coat when the weather changes.

We go outside multiple times a day each day, so it is important that your child be dressed for the weather and in clothes that allow children to move easily and comfortably. Tennis shoes are a must for the activities that we will be doing.

We have a few more weeks of summer so please enjoy spending time and having adventures with your children. I look forward to a wonderful school year. Please feel free to contact me anytime!

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