



*Welcome to a new school year!*

My name is Jamie Martin and I will be your first/second grade teacher this year. I'm excited to see many returning second grade students and to meet new first graders and their families.

*Here's some information that will help get us started this year:*

**Our classroom is Room # 249.** Please enter the building **after** the first bell rings at 8:14 a.m. (second bell at 8:19 a.m.) and end time at **3:22 p.m.**

**Each student will need a backpack everyday** to bring important items to and from school. We have swimming and gym once a week- starting the first week of school. During swim each student will need a suit, towel and goggles (if you'd like). On gym days it's important to wear gym shoes. Please label everything with your child's name in case it gets lost. As soon as I know the schedule of these events I'll let you know.

**Transportation Home:** On the first day of school please send a note to school with your child so we can know how they'll be getting home during the first week of school. A transportation card will be included in the first day packet coming home on Tuesday. Please fill the card out and return it as soon as possible with your weekly transportation schedule for the year ahead.

**Please send me your email** to receive my Wednesday Note and other important information from the classroom (I have emails from returning families from last year unless they've changed). Put your child's full name in the subject heading. If you don't receive an email from me by curriculum night please send me your email again or talk with me to make sure you're getting important information regarding our classroom.

On the first few day of school, after your child is settled in the classroom, we ask you to go to the parent coffee space or other common building spaces to chat with other adults. It's often easier on your child if you actually make a quick transition by just dropping them off and saying a short good-bye. When we've had a chance to set up

the routines and procedures with the group, I welcome and will be asking for parent help in the class at various times during the day. More information will be provided at **Curriculum Night on September 13th**. Don't forget about the annual back to school picnic (B.Y.O.) on **Thursday September 6th, starting at 6 p.m .**

As a little idea to get started with the year, please have your child bring a memento/item from the summer to school on the first day. For example, I went to Pictured Rocks this summer and will be bringing in a rock to share. It could be a picture, feather, drawing- anything small that we will share together and then use as a writing prompt during the first week.

I hope you'll see me as a partner in your child's education. Our classroom is a learning community where we (children, parents, and teacher) all work together to help everyone have a successful year. I'm looking forward to a year filled with excitement and learning experiences for all of us.

See you soon!

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