

Dear Families,

Welcome to both new and returning families! I am so excited to be starting a new year at Ann Arbor Open, and am working hard to get our room ready for the new school year! I hope you all enjoyed your summer break, and have wonderful stories to share about all of your adventures!

I am looking forward to seeing you all on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 4. Please note that our bell schedule will be the same as it was last year – the first bell will ring at **8:14** and then all students are expected to be in the classroom by **8:19**. The school day will end at **3:22** each day. For the first week, please enter the classroom through our **inside door** so we can get busy learning about each other and our classroom routines. **It is very important that I have after school plans for every child in writing. Please email me with the after school instructions prior to the first day of school.** The transportation cards will be sent home the first day of school, but please make sure I know the plans for the first day. If your child will be picked up, please note if they will be met at the classroom or should come out to the parking lot. For bus riders I need the bus number. If your child goes different places on certain days it can be helpful to have another copy of this schedule in your child's backpack. Your child should bring lunch to school or plan on purchasing a school hot lunch beginning the first day. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email at [thomasjen@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:thomasjen@aaps.k12.mi.us) or call me at school at (734) 994-1910.

I ask each family to send in a healthy snack to be shared by the class every 2-3 weeks or so. Good class snacks are: cut fresh fruit/vegetables, crackers, cheese sticks, pretzels, yogurt, etc. For the first two weeks of school, please send either fruits or veggies in as we learn about nutritional needs of classmates. We will need snacks for the first day and week of school – if you are able to send in enough for 25, please let me know! **Please let me know right away about any allergies or other health concerns regarding your child.**

The majority of the classroom information will be shared via our secure Bloomz site. Please send me any email address(es) you would like added – I will send email invitations to join our Bloomz community. It is a secure site, so only those individuals who have been invited can see the information on it. This is where class notifications, events, and important information will be added. Additionally, we will have a class e-mail list which I will use for quick notes or individual emails. Please take a moment to send me an email with the email address(es) you would like to have included. If you have other family members to add to our class list please send that information to me in a message as well at: [thomasjen@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:thomasjen@aaps.k12.mi.us).

Please mark your calendar for Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 13. That evening is a time for you to learn what to expect from the coming year, how our classroom operates and to ask any general school/classroom questions that you may have.

Feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to getting to know all of you!

Jennifer

Hi Kids - I'm so excited to start this new school year with you! I look forward to hearing about all of your summertime adventures! Our class guinea pigs, Frankie and Dean, are so excited to see you too! See you on the first day! ☺ Jennifer