

# Welcome to Gilles-Sweet

First Grade Parent Orientation

May 4, 2023



# Main Office Information:



- ★ Mr. Matt Krivak - Principal
- ★ Mrs. Shanna Kovi - Associate Principal
  
- ★ Mrs. Kathy Tidmore- Administrative Assistant
- ★ Mrs. Clair Schiffman- Administrative Assistant

Contact Information:

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# Welcome to Gilles-Sweet!

Parents/Guardians will:

- ★ View a short presentation
- ★ Visit a classroom
- ★ Ask questions



# School Counseling Information:



Meredith Schulte-School Counselor for grades 1, 2, 3

Robin Schlesinger-School Counselor for grades K, 4, 5

- ★ The school counselors are here to help promote an overall positive school climate as well as support students and their families with academic achievement and social/emotional development (ie...coping skills, friendship, self-esteem, changing families, etc...)
- ★ Classroom lessons, small group lessons, individual meetings
- ★ PBIS~ Warrior P.R.I.D.E.
- ★ Please contact Mrs. Schulte at any time with questions or concerns about your child!

# Arrival:



- ★ Students may arrive between 8:25-8:40
- ★ Breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 am in the cafetorium
- ★ Doors open at 8:25 am and need to be in class by 8:40 am
- ★ Students will enter through North West door (#8)



# Dismissal:



- ★ 2:50 pm Wave 1 Bus riders
- ★ 2:55 pm Car riders, bikers, and walkers
- ★ 3:00 pm Wave 2 Bus riders
- ★ Parents will complete school transportation survey

# Need to know info...

- ★ Specials rotate on a seven-day schedule:
  - Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet
  - Color calendar schedule available on school website
  
- ★ Specials include:
  - Library, Art, Music, Phys. Ed, and Technology



# Cafeteria:



- ★ Breakfast \$1.55
  - Hot or cold breakfast available: 8:00-8:25am
  - Grab & go: 8:15-8:45 am
- ★ Lunch \$2.65
  - Hot Lunch, Grilled Cheese, PB & J, Chef Salad, Milk only
- ★ Milk a la carte for all meal statuses:
- ★ There will be additional help during the first few days
- ★ Account set-up online for payment through "PayFort" or you can pay by check or cashier's check



# Recess:



- ★ Students will go out for a 20 minute recess daily, except in rain and **very** cold weather. Make sure to dress for the weather.
- ★ Please send in an extra change of clothes and label everything with child's name.

# Meet the First Grade Team



Sarah Eppler  
Valerie Garcia  
Melissa Koenig  
Megan Lamb  
Nicole Pruenete  
Olivia Hvizdos (I.S.)  
Nancy Holder (Title-1)

# Need to know info...



- ★ Building info sent via Weekly Blasts
- ★ A general school supply list will be sent home at the end of the year for incoming 1st graders.
- ★ Convenience option this year: Pre-order supplies through PTA
- ★ Additional supplies may be needed based on individual teacher needs.
- ★ More specific classroom info will be provided at Meet the Teacher Night

# First Grade Back to School Fair

DATE: August 18th 4:30-6:30 pm

Students will be able to:

- ★ Bring in their school supplies
- ★ Visit their classroom
- ★ Tour Gilles-Sweet with their family
- ★ Practice arriving and leaving school
- ★ Visit with last year's friends





# First Day of School for First Grade

## Tuesday, August 22nd



Students will:

- ★ Enter school building on his/her own
  - ★ Go to their first grade classroom
  - ★ Be introduced to class routines and rules
  - ★ Talk about first grade and have fun!
- ★ *There will be a lot of volunteers ready to assist!*

# During the first week of school...

Students will:

- ★ Learn daily classroom routines
- ★ Learn school and classroom rules
- ★ Practice fire, tornado, and safety drills
- ★ Meet various teachers and staff
- ★ Tour school building
- ★ Build a classroom community





# First Grade Meet the Teacher Night

DATE: August 30th 6:00-6:30 pm



Parents will:

- ★ Meet the first grade teacher and staff
- ★ Learn about the first grade curriculum
- ★ Sign up for parent/teacher conferences



# Meet the Teacher Night

DATE: August 30th 6:00-6:30 pm

Parents will be able to:

- ★ Complete "Beginning of Year" data forms online
- ★ Learn about Gilles-Sweet PTA
- ★ Set up "PayForIt" accounts



# STEAM ROOM:

(Science, Technology, Engineering,  
Arts, Math)

- ★ Design process
- ★ Problem solving skills
- ★ Creativity
- ★ Consumable items for engineering





# A few apps we use in 1st grade:

- ★ Seesaw
- ★ My Story
- ★ ChatterPix
- ★ Prodigy
- ★ Strip Design
- ★ iMovie
- ★ Mathseeds
- ★ Clips
- ★ Coding apps
- ★ Reading Eggs



# Project Based Learning Opportunities:

- ★ Berea Animal Rescue Friends-service learning project
- ★ Math Arcade- Coding project
- ★ Local Animal project
- ★ Passion projects



# What we will be learning:

Most students should be able to:

- ★ Addition and subtraction fact fluency
- ★ Paragraph with proper capitalization and punctuation. (narrative, informational, & opinion)
- ★ Solves number stories with addition, subtraction, and missing addends
- ★ Partition shapes into equal parts
- ★ Tell time to the hour & half hour
- ★ Read a variety of books independently with fluency, expression
- ★ Retell a story with main events, character, setting, main idea, and central message
- ★ Can count a collection of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters up to .99 cents
- ★ Have a basic understanding of non-standard measurement
- ★ Understands place value





# 5 ways to help your child succeed in school...



## 1. Get a head start:

Introduce some of the curriculum to your child over the summer:

- ★ Reading
- ★ Addition/Subtraction
- ★ Coin identification & Value
- ★ Discuss books (character, setting)



# 5 ways to help your child succeed in school...

## 2. Read, read, and read:

- ★ Repeated reading
- ★ Story elements
- ★ Vocabulary (discuss word meaning)
- ★ *Sight words*



# 5 ways to help your child succeed in school...

## 3. Encourage Trying:

- ★ Encourage independence
- ★ learning from mistakes
- ★ "You can do it" approach
- ★ Growth Mindset "I just can't do it yet"



# 5 ways to help your child succeed in school...



## 4. Send them off on the right foot:

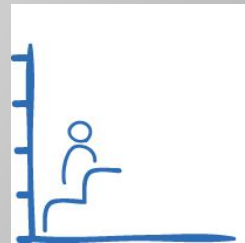
- ★ Good, nutritious breakfast and lunch
- ★ Healthy amount of sleep
- ★ Backpack prepared: take-home folder, library books, lunch, etc.



# 5 ways to help your child succeed in school...

## 5. Be involved:

- ★ Communicate with the teacher
- ★ Look through your child's backpack/red folder
- ★ Ask your child what they are currently learning
- ★ Checkout Seesaw posts daily





# Attendance:

Studies show...



- ★ Developing a habit of good attendance will help your child do well in school, college and work
- ★ Attendance matters in every grade
- ★ Though some absences are unavoidable, too many can affect student success, whether the absences are excused or unexcused
- ★ Setting a regular bedtime and morning routine will help with being on time to school
- ★ Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves!



# Helpful Links:

- ★ [District Webpage](#)
- ★ [ODE~ Parents](#)
- ★ [First Grade Resource Page](#)
- ★ [Seesaw Help Center](#)
- ★ [Seesaw Parent Tutorial](#)



# Questions Please Contact...



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