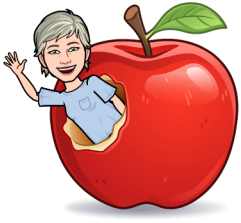
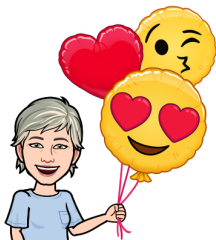


# WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!



My name is Mrs. Keldin. I am VERY excited to meet you and your family. I will be your homeroom teacher at Cory this year, and we will have a great time together learning and exploring new things. This is my 20th year teaching at Cory, and my 17th year in first grade. First grade is the best!

I already know some of you because I was lucky enough to teach your brothers and sisters. For the rest of you, here are some things to help you get to know me; I adore animals, especially bugs and spiders, and I love to dance. My husband, Ian, and I have three kids, and they all went to Cory. Roanan is 28, Glennan is 26, and Atticus is 22. We have an adorable dog named Luna, a clever cat named Kaneki, and a brand new kitten named Junie. We spend our summers at a rustic cabin in the Northwoods of Wisconsin with no internet and spotty phone reception (and lots of wonderful spiders). I get to catch up on all of my reading in a hammock on Planting Ground Lake, with bald eagles soaring overhead. I am excited to hear all about your interests, and experiences!



## Meet Me

You will have an opportunity to come meet me, our principal Mrs. Wieser, and our assistant principal Mrs. Meyer. You will also get to see other kids from our class, and ask any questions that you might have about this school year. We will meet on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm on the playground. I'm excited to meet you, and start our journey together!

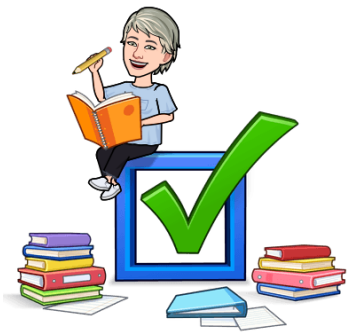


## First Days

The first day of school for first graders is **Monday, August 18th**. The first bell rings at 8:10am. That's when you will line up outside by the patio, and I will lead you into the room for our morning meeting. The second bell rings at 8:15. There will be staff members in purple vests to help guide you to the right place on the first morning. Here is a hint- our morning line-up spot is close to the USA map on the playground.

Dismissal is at 3:15, and we dismiss in the same spot!

We offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. Breakfast begins in the cafeteria at 7:45am. Our lunch and recess is from 10:45-11:30. Please send a healthy snack, that your child can eat independently, each day. Due to allergies, we do not share food. Additionally, please send a labeled water bottle (that does not spill when turned over) each day.



## School Supplies

If you ordered a supply kit through the school it will already be here. If you need to see the school supply list, check the link on the Cory website.

[First grade supplies](#)

If supplies are a hardship- no worries! We will make sure everyone has what they need.

Please **do not label classroom supplies with your child's name** as the items we use in first grade are all communal. We share all pencils, crayons, markers, etc., so names are not necessary on any of the supplies. The only things **labeled** with their names are **backpacks, lunch boxes, headphones, and water bottle**.

\*Additional things to bring the first day- **a family picture** we can hang on our wall all year long, and **a favorite book** to share (you will bring this back home within a week or two, after you get the chance to share it).

**Communication-** This year we are using a new platform to communicate whole-school news and events- Thrillshare. We have a staff training this week so I will be able to tell you much more about it soon! For communication unique to our first graders, we will be using class dojo. Please click this link to sign up!

[class dojo room 119](#)

### **Daily Schedule** (subject to change)

8:15-8:35 Morning Meeting and TSEAL (our Social, Emotional, and Artistic Learning)

8:35-9:35 Literacy-Knowledge (content)

9:35-10:05 Literacy- Phonics and small groups

10:05-10:45 Literacy- Skills

10:45-11:30 Lunch/Recess

11:30-1:15 Math (whole group, stations/games, and small group)

1:15-1:30 Snack recess

1:35-2:20 Specials (rotating P.E. Art and Music)

2:20-3:00 Science/social studies

3:00-3:10 Homeroom Community

3:15 Dismissal

We will have Library and STEAM once a week each.

If your child goes by something other than their legal name, please send me an email and let me know as soon as possible. I will be labeling items later this week and would love to honor their chosen name.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Keldin [ekeldin@dpsk12.net](mailto:ekeldin@dpsk12.net)

Cory Room 119

