



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2019

Welcome to Seneca Academy First Grade! I am looking forward to having your child in my class this year and partnering with you to make this a great year. I know this year will be one of learning, growth, friendship building, and discovery and I can't wait to get started!

As a brief introduction, I am just thrilled to join the teacher team here at Seneca Academy. I bring over 14 years of working with young learners, with 8 ½ of those years spent in the first grade. I have my undergraduate degree in Elementary Education with a minor in English from the University of Maryland at College Park. I continued my education by finishing with a Masters in Educational Studies from Johns Hopkins University. I was drawn to Seneca Academy's IB programming because it is in line with my own teaching philosophy, in which students' curiosity drives the classroom and their thoughts/ideas are always valued and respected.

I look forward to meeting you and your child at our Meet and Greet and first day of school on **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please park (there will be additional parking in the St. Nicholas Episcopal Church lot) and bring your child to the classroom at 9:00 am. We will have a variety of parent and child activities through the morning and then will have a bring-your-own bag lunch picnic together in the backyard. We will end right at noon. During this morning together, you will receive information about carpool, classroom volunteer opportunities, Parent Association activities and volunteer opportunities, and other information important to your child's year here. Please note that the school calendar is available on the website.

The first full day of school will be **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. Beginning on that day your child will need a snack that is quick to eat (such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, granola bars, or cheese stick) and a lunch. We drink water for a snack, which is available from our in-class water fountain, but we highly recommend that students bring a reusable water bottle. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch.

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade supply list is available on the website under the Elementary tab: Back to School 19-20. Please bring these supplies to the Meet and Greet on **August 27<sup>th</sup>** in a bag with your child's name on it. In addition your child will need the following **labeled** with his or her name:

Backpack  
(non-rolling preferred)

Lunch box

Art smock

Reusable water bottle  
(recommended)

There will be a Summer Social for all elementary students and their families on **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30-5:30 pm. I will not be there, but this is a great time to meet new friends and catch up with old ones! I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,

*Ana Weiss*