

ONE-DERFUL WORDS

MRS. DEBOER'S FIRST GRADE NEWS

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Dear First Graders and Families,

Welcome to First Grade! I hope that you are as excited as I am to be starting a brand new school year at Elmwood Elementary School! I feel so lucky to have each of you as a part of *this* class, and I look forward to the year we have ahead of us! We will certainly be a one-of-a-kind group! ☺

I cannot wait to learn more about each of you as we start this school year. I would, however, like to introduce myself, a little about our classroom, and information about the first day of school in this newsletter.

★ Who am I?

My name is Mrs. Stacy DeBoer. I grew up in Belding, Michigan but now live near Lansing. I am married to my husband, Mike.

★ Why am I a teacher?

My dream of becoming a teacher began when I first started school—maybe even in First Grade! Would you believe me if I told you I used to set my stuffed animals and dolls in “desks”, and then use some old books and a chalkboard to “teach” them for hours? Well, I did! I might have even talked my little brother into being one of my students on occasion. ☺ Being a teacher was always the job I wanted to have someday, but I became even more passionate about it as I grew older. I realized that there is something magical about learning, especially when you are learning everything for the first time. There is excitement, happiness, satisfaction, and pride that comes when a child reads a more difficult book, writes a more-focused story, solves a tough math problem, or simply learns something new. I love being a part of that!

★ What experience and credentials do I have?

I graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and teaching certifications in elementary education and language arts, as well as a

Master of Education degree in early childhood education. I have 8 years of teaching experience, which include teaching Second Grade, Reading, and First Grade. This will be my fourth year teaching First Grade for Waverly Community Schools.

★ What are some of my favorite things?

Traveling ★ Reading ★ Exercising ★ Playing Games
★ Color- Silver ★ Food- Chicken Caesar Wrap ★
Drink- Dr. Pepper ★ Animal- Cat ★ Book- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White ★ Game- Pictionary ★ Sport-
Softball/Baseball ★ Sport Team- Detroit Tigers ★
Season- Summer ★ Summer Activity- Canoeing ★
Hobby- Cooking ★ Place- Washington, D.C.

★ What do I hope for this year?

I hope that we will all give 100% in everything we do, so that we can do our best and be our best! I hope that we will always have fun learning, and want to learn more about everything! I hope that we will work as a team to build one another's strengths and weaknesses.

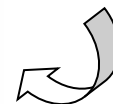
Again, I am so excited to meet each of you and to learn about your families and experiences! Please know that I am only a phone call, email, or face-to-face conversation away, and will gladly listen to your needs/concerns or answer your questions. As a team, we (teacher, parent, and child) are all responsible for making this year successful through frequent communication and active involvement in learning. So, let's make this a great year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacy DeBoer



This is me!





I look forward to meeting you at Elmwood's Open House- Tuesday, September 1 from 4:30-5:30pm! Please join us to explore your new classroom and school!

Supply List

Below, you will find a list of items that you can choose to send to school with your child. **Please know that purchasing these items is not a requirement.** You may bring any supplies you have to the Open House or during the first week of school. Please write your child's name on all supplies!

STUDENT SUPPLY LIST (FOR PERSONAL USE):

- 1 notebook (spiral or composition)
- 2 two-pocket folders (at least 1 with prongs in the middle)
- 1 one-inch three-ring binder
- 2 (or more) thin Expo dry-erase markers (black)

This is a list of additional items we will share in our classroom this year. If you are able/willing to donate any, we would greatly appreciate it.

CLASSROOM SUPPLY LIST (FOR SHARED CLASS USE):

- Thin Expo dry-erase markers (black)
- Glue sticks
- 24-pack of Crayola crayons
- Yellow #2 Pencils
- Erasers
- Boxes of tissue
- Sanitizing wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Band-aids
- Ziploc bags (gallon, quart, or sandwich-sized)

We are also looking for new or used playground equipment, such as balls, jump ropes, and sidewalk chalk!

Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 8 at 8:25am!

First Day Information

Please read this information carefully, as it will help our first day of school go as smoothly as possible. Also, be patient as the processes will likely take longer the first few days of school. Thank you! ☺

- ★ Breakfast begins- 8:05am (in the gym)
 - If your child is riding the bus, they will enter the gym to eat breakfast as soon as they arrive to school.
 - If you are dropping off your child, you can arrive for breakfast at this time. If your child will not eat breakfast, you can arrive by 8:25am.
- ★ Students who are not eating breakfast (and those who finish eating) will sit in a line at the sign in the gym labeled "Mrs. DeBoer".
- ★ School begins- 8:25am
 - I will pick students up from the line in the gym at this time. Please do not come to the classroom.
- ★ Send any lunch money in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it.
- ★ Bring a healthy snack/drink for break time.
- ★ School dismisses- 3:25pm
 - The class will walk to the buses in the bus loop. Students riding a bus will be delivered to their bus.
 - Parents/designated adults who will pick up students need to make sure I have seen them get their student. They may do one of two things:
 - 1) Enter the front parking lot off Elmwood Rd. and follow the carpool line. Do not get out of your car...students will be delivered to you! Your child will be waiting on the sidewalk near the parking lot exit.
 - OR
 - 2) Park in a parking spot and walk to the sidewalk to pick up your child.



