






Dear Parents/Guardians,




My name is Ms. Gruber and I would like to welcome you and your child to my first grade class! I know that the transition from Kindergarten to first grade is a big one, but I assure you that I will do my best to make it as easy as possible for your child.

Important: Please let me know if your child has food allergies of any kind.




Uniforms: Students must follow the uniform dress code policy. This includes a navy blue polo shirt and khaki colored pants, shorts, skirts, capris, or skorts. Also, students must wear black or brown school shoes, and sneakers on gym days. (More specific information can be found on the main pages at www.carteretschools.org) Please note that during the winter months, children can wear a uniform sweater if they get chilly. Hoodies and sweatshirts are not permitted.


School Supplies: I have attached a copy of the school supply list for this year. Please mark your child's name on each item using a permanent marker.




Class Dojo: Class Dojo is a great way for parents and teachers to stay connected. It is also the easiest way to get in touch with me throughout the day. More information and instructions on how to download will be attached in this packet. Please be sure to connect with our class!





Snack: We will have 15 minutes for a snack each day. Please pack a healthy snack daily. A juice box or packet is much easier and neater for the children. A

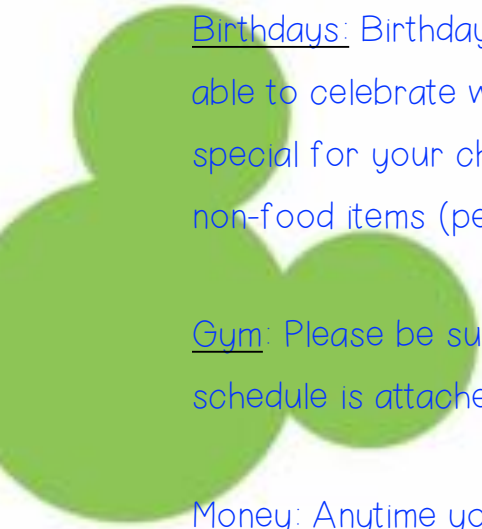




thermos tends to leak and glass containers are NOT allowed. **Be sure to check all snack labels, Columbus School is A PEANUT FREE SCHOOL. The children will not be allowed to eat anything with peanut ingredients.




Dismissal: Our class will dismiss out of the cafeteria from Door #7. Please understand that children will not be released to anyone whose name is not listed on the dismissal form. In order to update your dismissal list you must do so through your Realtime account. Please understand I cannot release your child to anyone whose name is not documented. It is for their safety!



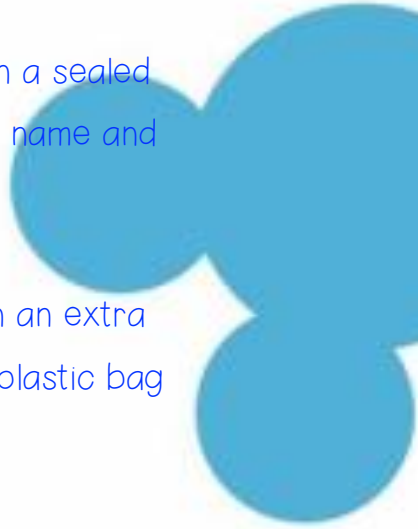
Birthdays: Birthdays are a special occasion! Unfortunately, we will not be able to celebrate with any sort of food items. If you wish to do something special for your child, you may send in goody-bags for the children with any non-food items (pencils, erasers, silly straws, etc).



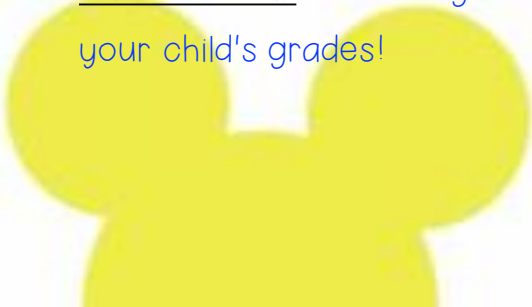
Gym: Please be sure your child is wearing sneakers on gym days. Our class schedule is attached.



Money: Anytime your child brings money to school, please put it in a sealed envelope with your child's name, money amount, purpose, and my name and place it in their homework folder.



Change of Clothes: Accidents happen! It is a good idea to send in an extra uniform to keep in the classroom. Please make sure to put it in a plastic bag and label it with your child's name.



Parent Portal: Don't forget to login to the parent portal to stay updated on your child's grades!



Together, we can make this year a great one! If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me via email at dgruber@carteretschools.org, send a Dojo message, write a note in your child's homework folder, call the main office, or schedule a conference. I look forward to meeting you all!

 -Ms. Gruber

