



Dear Friend and Family,

Welcome (or welcome back) to Easton School! I am looking forward to a new and exciting year filled with exploration, challenge and discovery. I am very excited for the upcoming school year to begin!

Before jumping into classroom details, let me tell you a little bit about myself. This will be my 26th year teaching at Easton School! Over the years, I have taught Special Education, Middle School English, Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade. I've been married to my husband Duane for 26 years and we have two adult kiddos, Colton and Carlee. (They both graduated from Easton School!) We have 3 black lab rescue dogs: Jake & Ellwood -the Blues Brothers- and Tater. Our family enjoys camping, horseback riding, quad riding and snowmobiling; not to mention trips to our Montana cabin. I can't wait to hear about your interests and adventures!

Our class is a Kindergarten and First Grade combination so "We work together. We're a team!" As team members, we show respect, make good decisions and solve our problems. We're all human and sometimes we have rough starts to our day for whatever reason...I totally understand that. If that's the case, please ask your parent to send me a TLC (Tender Loving Care) notice in a text, email or little note in your folder. I'm here to support you in any way I can!

Scholastic Book fliers are sent home monthly in your purple "Communicator" folder (that I provide). Scholastic Books is a wonderful way to enhance home libraries but is by no means mandatory. Checks or money orders are the accepted methods of payment-please, no cash. You can also submit an order online.

Your progress will be documented four times a year on a report card. Families can monitor progress using the Skyward System link on our school website (www.easton.wednet.edu). Usernames and temporary passwords can be obtained from the front office. Assessment tools used to monitor growth include the Curriculum Associates iReady online platform, Wonders Reading Unit Tests, Standards Based Math Tests, student work, teacher observation, finished projects, and one-on-one interviews. Student-led Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 26th and 27th, and March 29th and 30th.

The following items are supplies you will need:

Homework Supply Kit (TO BE KEPT AT HOME)

- ✚ School box, cardboard box or tackle box to hold supplies
- ✚ Pencils
- ✚ Pencil sharpener
- ✚ Scissors
- ✚ Glue sticks
- ✚ Crayons, markers or colored pencils

For The Classroom

- ✚ 4 dry erase markers
- ✚ Crayons OR colored pencils
- ✚ Box of #2 pencils, sharpened
- ✚ 2 durable pencil sharpeners
- ✚ 6-10 glue sticks
- ✚ Child size scissors
- ✚ Child size headphones, labeled with child's name
- ✚ Gym shoes, to remain at school
- ✚ Backpack
- ✚ Lunchbox, if applicable

School begins on Wednesday, September 7th at 8:25 am. As you arrive on the first day, find your cubby in the elementary hall and place your backpack, jacket and gym shoes inside. If you are having “cold lunch”, place your lunch box in the basket outside the classroom door. When you enter the room, please choose an activity tub to explore at your desk. Once we're all settled, we will break out your school supplies and stock your individual work caddy! Parents, please send me a note in your child's backpack outlining his or her plans for afterschool. Will he or she ride the bus, walk with an older sibling, or be picked up by an adult? You can contact the front office if you have any questions about bus transportation. Finally, please be sure to submit updated or completed enrollment and immunization forms.

Don't worry! It all sounds super scary and overwhelming but I'll be there with the other staff members to make sure your first day—and the days to follow—run smooth! You've got this, Super Star Student!!! Let's get ready for a “wiggle 'em, giggle 'em or gross 'em out” school year! Please feel free to contact me at any time! Enjoy the last few days of summer!

Warm regards,

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- ✦ A set of four dry erase pens
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- ✦ Child size scissors
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