

Welcome to Gilles-Sweet

First Grade Parent Orientation

May 1, 2024



Main Office Information:

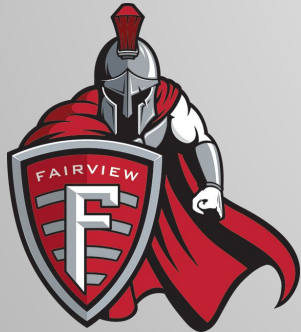
- ★ Mr. Matt Krivak - Principal
- ★ Mrs. Shanna Kovi - Associate Principal



- ★ Mrs. Kathy Tidmore- Administrative Assistant
- ★ Mrs. Clair Schiffman- Administrative Assistant

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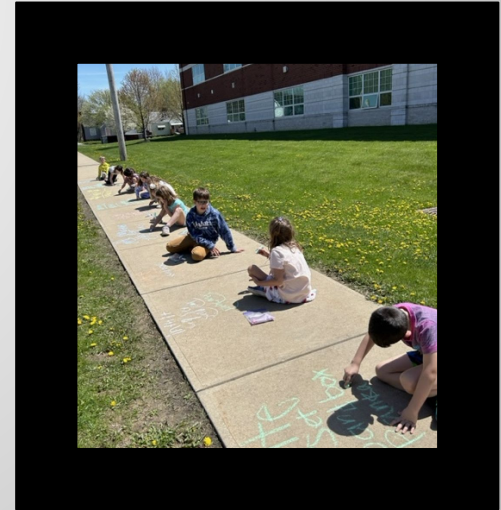
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Parents/Guardians will:

- ★ View a short presentation
- ★ Visit a classroom
- ★ Ask questions



School Counseling Information:

Meredith Schulte-School Counselor for grades 2, 3, 4

Robin Schlesinger-School Counselor for grades K, 1, 5



- ★ The school counselors are here to help promote an overall positive school climate as well as support students and their families with academic achievement and social/emotional development (ie...coping skills, friendship, self-esteem, changing families, etc...)
- ★ Classroom lessons, small group lessons, individual meetings
- ★ PBIS~ Warrior P.R.I.D.E.
- ★ Please contact Mrs. Schlesinger at any time with questions or concerns about your child!

Arrival:



- ★ Students may arrive between 8:25-8:40 am
- ★ Breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 am in the cafetorium. Students enter through door #6
- ★ Doors open at 8:25 am and need to be in class by 8:40 am
- ★ Students will enter through North West door (#8)

Dismissal:



- ★ 2:50 pm - Car Riders, bikers, and walkers
- ★ 2:55 pm - Bus Riders
- ★ Parents will complete school transportation survey



Need to know info...



- ★ Specials rotate on a seven-day schedule:
 - Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet
 - Color calendar schedule available on school website

- ★ Specials include:
 - Library, Art, Music, Phys. Ed, and Technology



Cafeteria:



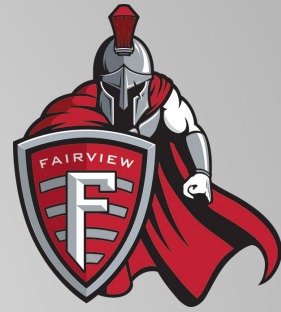
- ★ Breakfast \$1.85
 - Hot or cold breakfast available: 8:00-8:25am
 - Grab & go: 8:15-8:45 am
- ★ Lunch \$3.00
 - Hot Lunch, Grilled Cheese, PB & J, Chef Salad, Pizza kit
- ★ Milk a la carte for all meal statuses:
- ★ There will be additional help during the first few days
- ★ Account set-up online for payment through "PayFort" or you can pay by check or cashier's check
- ★ Lunch will be 25 minutes

Recess:



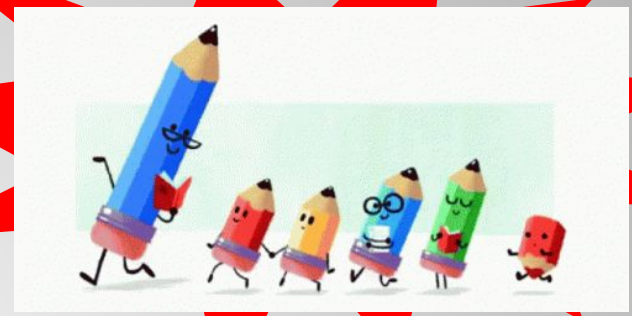
- ★ Students will go out for a 25 minute recess daily, except in rain and **very** cold weather. Make sure to dress for the weather.
- ★ Please send in an extra change of clothes and label everything with child's name.

Meet the First Grade Team



Sarah Eppler
Valerie Garcia
Melissa Koenig
Megan Lamb
Nicole Pruenete
Olivia Hvizdos (I.S.)
Jen McCafferty (Title-1)

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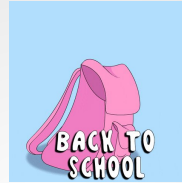


- ★ Building newsletter sent via Weekly Blasts
- ★ A general school supply list will be sent home at the end of the year for incoming 1st graders.
- ★ Convenience option: Pre-order supplies through PTA
- ★ 1st Grade Supply List
- ★ Additional supplies may be needed based on individual teacher needs.
- ★ More specific classroom info will be provided at Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:00 pm

First Grade Back to School Fair

DATE: August 20th 5-7 pm

Students will be able to:



- ★ Bring in their school supplies
- ★ Visit their classroom
- ★ Tour Gilles-Sweet with their family
- ★ Practice arriving and leaving school
- ★ Visit with last year's friends



First Day of School for First Grade

Thursday, August 22nd



Students will:

- ★ Enter school building on his/her own
 - *There will be a lot of volunteers ready to assist*
- ★ Go to their first grade classroom
- ★ Be introduced to class routines and expectations
- ★ Getting to know you activities

During the first week of school...

Students will:

- ★ Learn daily classroom routines
- ★ Learn school and classroom rules
- ★ Practice fire, tornado, and safety drills
- ★ Meet various teachers and staff
- ★ Tour school building
- ★ Build a classroom community



First Grade Meet the Teacher Night

DATE: August 27th 6:00-6:30pm

Parents will:

- ★ Meet your child's first grade teacher and staff members
- ★ Learn about the first grade curriculum
- ★ View the classroom

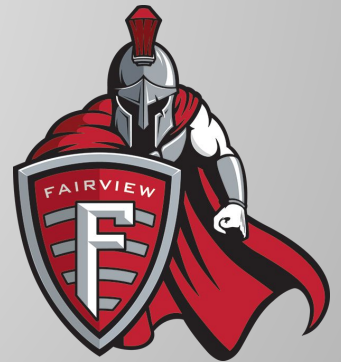


Meet the Teacher Night

DATE: August 27th 6:00pm

Parents will be able to:

- ★ Complete "Beginning of Year" data forms online
- ★ Learn about Gilles-Sweet PTA
- ★ Set up "PayForIt" accounts



STEAM/PBLs:

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)

- ★ Design process
- ★ Problem solving skills
- ★ Creativity
- ★ Gathering information
- ★ Answering essential questions
- ★ Collaboration



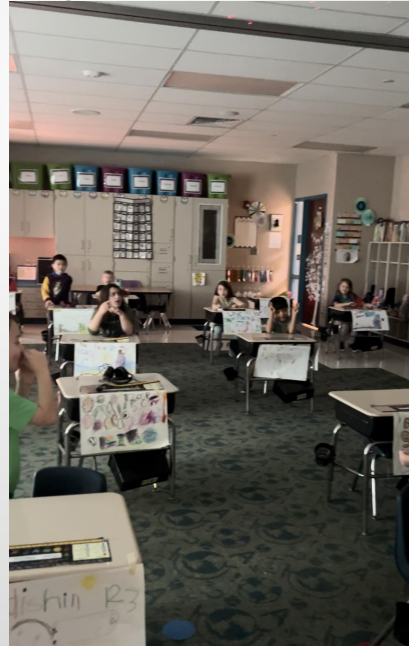
A few apps we use in 1st grade:

- ★ Seesaw
- ★ My Story
- ★ ChatterPix
- ★ XtraMath
- ★ Strip Design
- ★ iMovie
- ★ Mathseeds
- ★ Clips
- ★ WinkyThing
- ★ Reading Eggs



Project Based Learning Opportunities:

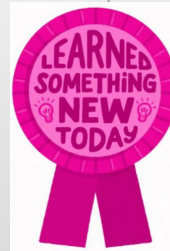
- ★ Berea Animal Rescue Friends-service learning project
- ★ Math Arcade- Coding project
- ★ Local Animal project
- ★ Passion projects



What we will be learning:

Most students should be able to:

- ★ Addition and subtraction fact fluency
- ★ Paragraph with proper capitalization and punctuation. (narrative, informational, & opinion)
- ★ Solves number stories with addition, subtraction, and missing addends
- ★ Partition shapes into equal parts
- ★ Tell time to the hour & half hour
- ★ Read a variety of books independently with fluency, expression
- ★ Retell a story with main events, character, setting, main idea, and central message
- ★ Can count a collection of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters up to .99 cents
- ★ Have a basic understanding of non-standard measurement
- ★ Understands place value



5 ways to help your child succeed in school

1. Get a head start: introduce some of the curriculum to your child over the summer:

★ Addition/Subtraction, coin identification & value

2. Reading:

★ Repeated reading, story elements, vocabulary, high frequency words, letter sounds

3. Encourage Trying:

★ Encourage independence, learning from mistakes, growth mindset

4. Send them off on the right foot:

★ Good, nutritious breakfast and lunch, sleep, backpack prepared

5. Be involved:

★ Communicate with the teacher, check Seesaw & red folder daily

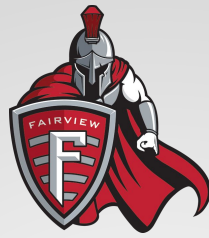


Attendance: Studies show...



- ★ Developing a habit of good attendance will help your child do well in school, college and work
- ★ Attendance matters in every grade
- ★ Though some absences are unavoidable, too many can affect student success, whether the absences are excused or unexcused
- ★ Setting a regular bedtime and morning routine will help with being on time to school
- ★ Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves!

Helpful Links:



- ★ [District Webpage](#)
- ★ [ODE~ Parents](#)
- ★ [First Grade Resource Page](#)
- ★ [Seesaw Help Center](#)
- ★ [Seesaw Parent Tutorial](#)



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Join us for the 9th annual Derby Dash

