

Monday, August 22, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Alan Vellutini and I am very honored to be your child's first grade teacher this year at Tom McCall Elementary. Having lived in Central Oregon for the last three years, it is very evident that this region of our state holds so many enriching recreational and educational opportunities during the summer months. My hope is that you were able to relax, celebrate and recharge for the upcoming school year and the learning that awaits.

I am looking forward to rejoining the dedicated staff at Tom McCall as I begin my 6th year as an elementary teacher. In my 2nd year as a Mustang, it was very clear that each Tom McCall staff member embraced the commitment to provide every child a solid environment to develop socially and academically. I look forward to continuing that commitment with an engaging approach to learning that is purposeful and focuses on your child's strengths and learning style. Before that begins, however, I would like to make you aware of some important dates coming up.

Thursday, September 1st 3:00 – 4:00pm Meet & Greet: Your child is welcome to come and take a look around the room and drop off any school supplies. This would also be a good time to stop by the office to schedule your child's assessment – all first graders are assessed before school begins to evaluate knowledge of basic literacy and math skills. You may also contact office staff at (541) 526-6400 to schedule your child's assessment. We will be hosting a formal Open House later in September where I will share information about our curriculum, routines and ways that you can help support your child to be a successful learner at school and at home.

Tuesday, September 6th and Wednesday, September 7th: No School for First Graders Second through Fifth graders will start Tuesday, September 6th. **It is very important to note that first graders will not attend school until Thursday, September 8th. I will have individual conferences (approximately 25 minutes) with each first grader on either September 6th or 7th.** This will give me some time to meet with you and your child and also have an opportunity to begin assessing your child's academic skills and find out his/her interests. During the time I will be assessing, you may begin filling out paperwork and signing up to volunteer in the classroom and/or for special projects. If you haven't volunteered in the Redmond School District in the last year, you will need to fill out a Background Check Form, which I will have available when we meet.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions, concerns or comments about your child and how we can collaborate to ensure his/her growth and development throughout the school year. In the very near future I will be sending the link to our brand new classroom webpage as a way to keep you in the loop with what we're doing in the classroom, and at school in general. I have also included a copy of the supply list, which is slightly different than the one on the Tom McCall webpage. I look forward to meeting with you very soon.

Kind Regards,

Alan Vellutini (Mr. V)

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Tom McCall Elementary
1st Grade Supply List
Mr. Vellutini - Room A3

- 1 Package Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 3 packages #2 pencils (Ticonderoga wood pencils)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 large pink bar eraser
- 8 - 10 glue sticks medium
- 1 set Crayola washable markers (wide tip)
- 2 packages Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 1 water color paint set
- 1 large box tissue
- 1 package of baby wipes
- 1 plastic pencil box (no metal pencil boxes, please)

Please label the following items with
a permanent marker

- (1) pair of athletic shoes for P.E.
- (1) backpack or school bag
- (1) pair Fiskar Scissors (student size)
- (2) Norcom 80-Sheet Wide Rule Poly Notebook (75 cents each at Walmart)
- (4) 3-pronged folders with pockets

These folders will be used for math instruction and to assemble our Writer's Workshop folders. I do ask that you just purchase folders with basic colors rather than special themed folders (e.g. Frozen, Nemo, etc....)

Thanks!