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Dear First Grade Families,

My name is Amanda Ehret. I will be your child's teacher this year. I am excited to get to know everyone. First grade is such an exciting year of growth and I am looking forward to a wonderful year together. To tell you a little about myself, my family and I live in Orford, NH. I have a 1-year-old daughter and a 6-year-old son-- so both my son and I are going to be in first grade this year! :) I wanted to send you this letter to share a few bits of information that you will want to know. The most important thing is: **Please fill out the information at the end of this letter about after school transportation and send it to school the first day.** It makes the first day a lot smoother if I know on the very first day how all students are supposed to get where they are going after school!

Our classroom is on the lowest level of WRS, where the preschool room was last year.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 30. The school day always begins at 8:15. This is when the students come inside from before-school recess. Students need to arrive no later than 8:25. They can arrive as early as 7:45, and this allows them 30 minutes of before-school recess.

School ends at 2:50. In the beginning of the year, I will walk outside with students at the end of the day and line up to wait for buses or parents picking you up. We expect students to go home the same way each week, unless we have a note from parents specifying otherwise.

Students have a 15-minute morning recess, and a 20-minute lunch recess during the day. We have Gym on the first day of school-- so wear sneakers. I will send home a list of when other specials are once the year begins.

We will always have a morning snack before or after morning recess. Please send a small snack every day. Students may buy a milk to have with snack if you like (last year the price for milk was \$.65), bring their own drink (no soda or glass bottles), or get a drink from the water fountain. I usually have some extra fruit for snacks on hand if students forget a snack, but try to send one from home. Please do not send candy or gum.

Eating lunch in the cafeteria is already a routine students know from kindergarten. They will get to choose hot lunch in the morning or bring a cold lunch from home. Hot lunch costs \$2.95. If students want milk to go with lunch from home, it costs \$.65. (If you receive free or reduced lunch, paperwork will go home about that in the beginning of the

year.) For hot lunch, students will get to choose between several different entrees in the morning at school when they order lunch. We will send home monthly menus, so you will know the choices. (Menus and other information are also available online. Go to hsdvt.com and click on Café Services. Hot lunch on the first day of school is shepard's pie or a ham and cheese sandwich or sunbutter and jelly or a chef's salad.)

The school will provide all the supplies you need. I will have a pencil box, pencils, erasers, crayons, and other things ready. I will give you a take-home folder, which you will bring back and forth between home and school every day to transport notes, homework, etc. You may bring in a two-pocket folder to keep in your desk if you want. This will be your "Miscellaneous Folder"—and if you do not have one, I will give you one. You will need a backpack to bring every day. We will not start homework for a few weeks, and I will send more information home about that later. Right now, your homework is to bring your backpack to school every day.

CLASP, our after-school program, will begin on the first day of school. If you are interested in participating, you'll need to fill out the registration form beforehand. You may stop into the school office to do that. Registration forms will also go home on the first day. If you have any questions about CLASP, please contact Mrs. Flanagan at the school.

If you ever have any questions or concerns this year, please feel free to contact me! Email is the best for me, and that address is ehreta@hartfordschools.net. If you would like to call, when school is in session, the phones are answered from 7:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. and the office can take a message which I will return as soon as I can, usually within a day. (If you have a time-sensitive matter such as any after-school changes for your child, please do call the office.)
See you next week!

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1st Grade Ms. Ehret
TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION
Parents,

Please complete this form and send to school with your child on the first day. Thank you!

Student's name _____

How will your child leave school?

He/she will be picked up by _____

Or

He/she will ride the bus: Bus number: _____ (if known) to this address _____

(home/daycare/etc and street address, please)

Is this the normal routine for every day? Yes/No

If not, please let me know the plan for the rest of the week as well.

Please be sure to send a dated note this year every time your child's routine is different. If I haven't heard otherwise from parents, I have to send students home their usual way.