**The below information is very important. Please maintain a copy for your records.**

* **Teacher:** Ashley Hanson
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* **Class Website:** You will find more information on our class website: [**www.Annandale.k12.mn.us**](http://www.Annandale.k12.mn.us)

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* **School Day Hours:** 8:00-2:55 Please encourage your child to value good attendance. Your child needs to be in school on time to be successful. We start school at 8:10, but your child should be in the classroom by 8:00.
* **F.I.S.H. Take-Home Binder:** This binder will contain important notes and your child's homework. It needs to be returned to school every morning. Please check your child's binder every night.
* **Absences**: If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school office or send a note.
* **Notes to the Teacher:** If you ever need to send me a note, please put it in their F.I.S.H. binder. I will communicate with you the same way, and occasionally through email or phone calls. Always discuss a change in transportation with your child, and alert him or her to the note and where you put it so they are aware.
* **Bus:** If you child rides the bus, he/she will be put on their normal bus each day unless I have a note or phone call from you stating otherwise. I **CAN NOT** take your child’s word for it. Please understand that this is for the safety of your child. Please also give as much advance notice when the change will occur. If your child is picked up from school please pick them up in the lobby or in the front of the school. If your child is being picked up by someone other than you please let me know. Keeping them safe is my biggest priority.
* **Snack:** The children will have snack time every afternoon. Please send a healthy snack and a water bottle. The water bottle may stay at school during the week, but will be returned on Fridays to be washed.
* **Conferences:** Please sign up in the cafeteria for a conference time. If at any time you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me; I would be happy to visit with youregarding your child’s progress!
* **“All About Me”:** We will spend the first month of school learning about each of our classmates. There is an “All About Me” poster in the F.I.S.H. Take-Home binder. **Please fill it out and return the first day of school.**
* **Birthdays:** We will celebrate every child’s birthday, even summer birthdays, throughout the year. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on/or near their half birthday. (June birthdays will be celebrated in December, July birthdays will be celebrated in January, and August birthdays will be celebrated in February). If you would like to send a treat, you can send it with your child, drop it off in the morning, or make special arrangements with me. Please make sure it is store bought, and send enough for 24 students.
* **Behavior Management:** Our classroom employs a clip chart behavior management system, which promotes positive behavior choices and encourages students to self-monitor their behavior. Students can earn rewards by showing positive behavior in our classroom. I will call home if a student receives 3 reminders in one day.
* **Recess:**  Children go outside for recess every day unless it is raining or the wind chill is low.  Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather. Recess will be before lunch at 10:50.
* **Library:**  We will go to the library once a week. Two books may be checked out at each visit. If your child forgets his/her book on library day, he/she may bring it back the next day and check out new books before school.
* **Computers:**  We will go to the computer lab once a week.  The students work on activities that reinforce what we work on in our classroom.
* **Book Orders**: We will be having book orders a few times throughout the year. As new readers, it is important to build your library at home. I earn points for every book that we order, and I use them to build our classroom library. You can always order books online under my code or send a check in an envelope with your child’s name on it. NO CASH PLEASE! Books are usually delivered in two weeks. Code # HJGCW
* **Homework:** Your first grader will have homework this year. First and foremost, your child should be read to and be reading every night. Our grade level goal is to read 12 books a week, however, I encourage you to make the 12 books your minimum! Students will receive their Razzle Dazzle Reader sheet Monday mornings to record their 12 or more books for the week with sight word practice on the back. They will need to return the sheet the following Monday. Students can earn rewards if returned and completed on time. Students will bring home Book Bags each Monday. They will have one or two books in their Book Bags and are required to read them several times a week. Students will return them the following Monday to check out new books. We will also have Math Home-Links several times a week. These should be done together with your child guiding you! Home-Links do need to be returned to school when completed, but feel free to adjust your homework schedule as needed. Our team work is your child’s success! We will also have spelling words to practice for each week starting the end of September. The list will be sent home on Mondays and the spelling test will be on Fridays.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Let’s make first grade a fabulous year!

Thanks,

Mrs. Hanson