



Dear K117 Friend,

Hello! My name is Mrs. McCarthy and I am very glad that you are going to be in my class. I hope you are as excited as I am about kindergarten. Our classroom is decorated and the toys, games and art supplies are out on the shelves. All that is needed to make our classroom complete is YOU!

Please wear your "Happy Heart Tag" everyday for the first two weeks of school (parents, please laminate them for durability). I will be waiting for you in room 117. It is a good idea to be able to say your full name, address, and bus number (please practice saying these everyday until school begins).

Be sure to ride on the bus the first day! It will be good to see the other children who will ride with you each day. It is okay to feel a little nervous. Everyone feels that way with new adventures...even me!

Along with this letter you will find a list of school supplies that you will need for school. Write your name on all of your school supplies. Every day you will need to bring two small nutritious snacks to school. Write your name on your snacks and do not put them in your lunchbox. It is very important that your child knows the difference between lunch and snack. We encourage you to bring a child size reusable water bottle daily.

I need a picture of you for a special project that I am working on. Please ask a grownup to email one to me at jmccarthy@mccsd.net.

See you soon,

Gamie McCarthy

Items to have for the first day of school:

- 1 backpack without wheels (large enough to fit a Chromebook, folder, change of clothes and lunchbox)
- 1 complete change of clothes placed in a Ziploc bag (please write your child's name on the outside of the bag as well as on all articles of clothing)
- 1 pair of over the ear headphones (no in the ear or earbuds please) in a storage bag with your child's name on it.
- A child sized reusable water bottle with your child's name on it.
- A lunch box and a zip loc bag with two small snacks in it. Please make sure everything is labeled.
- 1 plastic bottom pocket folder
- 1 coloring book
- 1 plastic supply/pencil box (see below)

Items to have in your supply box for the first day of school:

- 3 sharpened pencils
- 1 white erasers
- 1 box of Crayola Crayons (24 pack)
- 1 pair of Fiskars brand scissors (blunt edge)

Throughout the first full week, please send in the remainder of the supplies:

- 1 additional plastic bottom pocket folder
- 2 large glue sticks (Elmer's brand only)
- 1 dozen sharpened pencils
- white erasers
- 2 boxes of Crayola Markers-1 thin tip, 1 broad tip in a zippered pencil case
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 additional box of Crayola Crayons (24 pack)
- 1 container of playdough