

Blue School Parent Guide



2025-2026

Dear Blue School Families,

We would like to welcome you to a new school year. For some of you, a child entering school/a new school is a new experience and, for others, with older children it is more familiar.

Elementary school is an important time in a child's life as it helps build a solid foundation to their education for many years to come. We hope that together we can work to make this experience positive and encouraging for your student(s).

These first weeks will be primarily devoted to familiarizing students to the school environment, daily routines and expectations. Starting school is both an exciting and doubtful time for families. If you have any questions or topics that you wish to discuss, please feel free to reach out!

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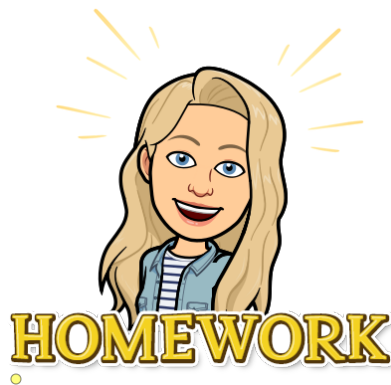
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Co Teacher; Ms Hudson: k.hudson@sau35.org

We look forward to working with you and your student(s) this year. It is going to be an amazing and exciting year!

Sincerely,

Blue School Staff



This year in Kindergarten-2nd Grade students will receive a choice **Homework Calendar** on the first day of each month. The calendar will include a task for each day of each week. It does not matter what days students complete them. The tasks are intended to reinforce skills/ideas they have been learning at school. Completing work at home is a great way for students to share what they have been learning and connect home and school. Homework is used to increase responsibility and independence for students. This calendar is entirely optional but can be returned at the end of the month. **Book bags**/homework folders will be sent home each Monday & should be returned on Friday.

Third & Fourth Grade will continue to have nightly homework which will include Math, Spelling & Reading.

We know as families you are already reading at home. This is one of, if not, the most important thing you can do to support your child's learning. If any books sent home this year are paper copies, they can then be kept at home!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding homework, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Classroom Information

Mrs. Culver, Ms. Hudson & Ms. O'Dell

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If your family will be using the bus for transportation, please contact Notch View Transport, 603-616-4444 to notify them of the name of your child and your street address. They will let you know where the bus stop will be for your child.

Arrival 7:30 (School Starts @ 7:45)

The Bus will drop students off in the front of the building @ 7:15. Students should change into their indoor shoes, hand their belongings up and transition with Ms. O'Dell to the Multi-Purpose room.

Cars should park along the side of the road and walk students to the building. Parents are welcome to walk students in and assist with initial arrival routines as needed.

Dismissal (Pick Up @ 2:30)

Pick-Up: Students will be outside playing unless it is raining.

Bus: Students will attend outside recess until the bus arrives; typically around 2:45. A staff member will make sure they are on the bus and inform the driver of their drop off location.

Breakfast/ Lunch

Breakfast will be available for all students (Pre- K- 4th grade) at 7:15 AM. The cost for breakfast is \$1.70.

Lunch will also be available for students (Pre-K- 4th grade). The cost for lunch is \$2.50.

All students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack. Milk and juice will be available for student purchase for \$0.60.

School Supplies

Students should make sure they are bringing (or leaving daily) a pair of inside shoes. They will also need to bring snacks & a water bottle. Any other supplies they wish to bring are optional.

Community Supplies

We always appreciate any donations to our classroom. Throughout the school year we especially welcome tissues, paper towels, cleaning wipes or sanitizer.

Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome and enjoyed at Blue School. There are always opportunities to help out with activities/events. Volunteers are also welcome to support with crafts or do a simple read aloud. Please let us know how you would like to be involved!

Toys

Toys from home can be very distracting for students and peers. For this reason, we will not be allowing them at school this year. Students can have parents send photos on class dojo if they are really excited and want to share at school. We will provide opportunities for students to bring games and toys throughout the year.

One stuffed animal/friend is welcomed any day, especially during the beginning weeks of school!

Behavioral Expectations

In our classroom, we strive to recognize safe, respectful, and cooperative behaviors. When a student receives a comment from his or her teacher recognizing a positive behavior, it boosts self-esteem and encourages repeated positive behaviors.

Misbehavior is part of learning and growing. Our goal is to help children learn to self-monitor and see the positive outcomes of making good choices. We all make mistakes, but it is how we learn from them and are given a fresh start to try again. Maintaining a positive and encouraging learning environment which students feel safe and confident in, is a primary goal at Blue School. We use points on Class Dojo as a positive reward system where they can then earn various rewards at the end of each week!

Parent-Teacher Communication

Email is a great way to communicate with us about day-to-day topics. Feel free to email if you have a question or would like to share information that we would find helpful in teaching your child. We check emails frequently throughout the day and will get back to you promptly. In case of an emergency, please call 603-838-6416.

We use class dojo to share photos of some of our lessons and projects, ask questions, share information, and to send reminders. In the folder, you will find another form explaining class dojo and how to get set up!

If you are making a change to your child's transportation plan for the day, please let us know ASAP. If you have not received a response, please call the school to make sure we have gotten the message. In the event that you have a concern, please reach out to set up a meeting.

Progress Reports/Report Cards

This year your student will be receiving a progress report at the end of each trimester. The progress report will be competency based and include work study practices. This reporting system gives students the opportunity to continue to show growth in all competencies throughout the entire year. This model will also give you a better understanding of how your child is progressing.

Snack Time

We will have snack time each morning. Students may bring their own snacks. If students are hungry in the afternoon, they may eat a snack during dismissal!

We hope this information helps you understand a little bit about some of the workings of our classroom as we begin a new school year. Please call or email if you have any questions or you just want to chat. We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Molly Culver, Kolonie Hudson & Amanda O'Dell

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Weekly Specials:

Monday: Library

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: Art

Thursday: Guidance & P.E

Friday: Computer Science

