



Dear North Adams-Jerome Families,

I am excited to welcome you to first grade! First grade is an exciting year for our young learners but is also a big step from kindergarten. We will be spending the beginning weeks of our year reviewing letters/sounds and numbers as well as working on our handwriting skills in preparation to dive into our reading, writing, and math.

I have found that parents who provide support and opportunities for their child to practice reading at home have the most successful readers. Your child will have nightly "homework" and be asked to practice his/her sight word list and read designated books sent home. Your support in committing to this 10 minutes per evening will help pave a successful path to learning.

Now a little about me...My name is Tami Oxley and this is my second year at North Adams-Jerome. Before coming to NA-J, I taught in Hillsdale Community Schools as a GSRP teacher. In addition to having my elementary teaching certificate with an early childhood endorsement, I am working towards my master's degree in special education. My husband is also a teacher and teaches K-8 art in Hillsdale. We have three active kids. Our oldest is Keegan who is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Cooper who is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and Kembry who will soon be 4 and is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of preschool.

I look forward to working with your family this year! Please watch for information regarding our school open house. I hope you will plan to attend! Reminder that school is starting early this year. Our first day is **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23.**

Warm Regards,

*Mrs. Oxley*

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## What does your child need for school?

- 2 boxes of 16 ct. Crayola crayons
- 2 large pink erasers (the rectangular kind)
- 2 – hard sided 3-ring binders – 1 may be 1” the other should be 2”
- 2 vinyl folders

Please do not send extra items to school with your child. If he/she needs any extra supplies, I will let you know. A pencil box will be provided for your student. All items should be clearly labeled with your child's name.

## Classroom Wish List

Often parents ask what we could use in our classroom. The following items are always needed and appreciated:

- ☺ Kleenex
- ☺ Clorox Wipes
- ☺ Baby Wipes
- ☺ Coloring books (for indoor recess)
- ☺ Play-doh (for indoor recess)
- ☺ Shaving Cream (white foam kind.... not gel)
- ☺ Gently used games for indoor recess (I would really love to add Legos if anyone has some they are looking to rehome!)

You are welcome to bring any of your child's school supplies or classroom wish list items to our back-to-school open house.