

Welcome Kindergarteners, returning First-graders and Families to room 102!

I hope you all are enjoying your summer and I cannot wait to hear all about your adventures in a few weeks when we all meet. My name is Julie Steele and I will be your child's teacher this year. This will be my fourth year at Daniel Bagley where I have taught both K/1 and kindergarten classes. This year our class will be a split kindergarten first grade classroom.

For our incoming Kindergarteners, starting kindergarten is a very exciting time but can also cause some children to become a little worried about what to expect. Some things that might help ease their anxiety are:

- *Read stories about the first day of school
- *have your child help pick out school supplies and pack their backpack
- *have your child choose something special to wear the first day of school
- *take a tour of the school and meet your teacher.

To help with this last suggestion kindergarten students and their parents are invited to come to school Tuesday September 6th from 6:30 pm-7:15pm. At this time, you can see your classroom, meet teachers and check out the school. If I haven't already meet you at Jump Start I hope to see you on the 6th.

This year Kindergarteners first day of school will be **Monday September 12th starting at 7:55 am.**

To my returning first graders I am so excited to see how much you have grown and changed over the summer. Your first day of school will be **Wednesday September 7th starting at 7:55 a.m.**

Our class will line up at the South end of the playground where I will meet everyone and we will go in together. Please do not come into the classroom early as we want the students to get into this morning routine beginning the first day. Regardless of your start date parents are invited to come in and take a quick picture of their child, give a quick hug goodbye. A speedy departure is best for all especially children/parents that might be feeling a little apprehensive.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the parent coffee that will be held in the cafeteria.

Enjoy the last few days of summer and I can't wait to see you!

Julie Steele