

Dear Families,

Welcome to first grade! My name is Chloe Patterson and I'm thrilled to be your child's classroom teacher this year. Megan Dunn is the first grade focus teacher. At Brent, there is a fourth teacher in grades K-5. Focus teachers work with all students in a grade level, teaching full classes and small groups. Unlike in Kindergarten, there is no classroom assistant. The beginning of school this year certainly feels different but we are excited to be on this journey with you and your brand new firstie! Keep reading for some details about the first week of school.

Home Visits

During week 1 (8/31-9/4), ECE – 5th grade families and teachers will participate in virtual home visits. We are so excited to get to know you and your child! We will share more about these home visits in an email on Friday. When selecting a time, please consider your student's small group schedule. We recommend choosing a timeslot on a day they are not scheduled for a small group. Please click [here](#) to sign up for a time slot.

Week 1 Schedule and Small Groups

Attached, you will find the Week 1 schedule as well as the small group assignments for weeks 1-3. During Week 1, we will have morning meeting and closing circle each day. Additionally, your student's small group will meet twice. Your child's small group assignment will remain the same for Weeks 1-3. In the afternoon, students will meet in half groups for Math instruction and Specials class. Our trimester 1 special is Science with Mr. Mangiaracina! Students are in either group A or B for this block.

Information about getting your child logged on for all parts of their day will come in Friday's email. Please use the attached documents to confirm your small group assignment and schedule.

Family Survey

In order to better understand your student's virtual learning experience, please fill out [this survey](#) before the first day of school. The information collected will allow us to provide more specific directions about accessing content and help us troubleshoot when issues arise.

Term 1 Schedule

Click [here](#) to view the grade level weekly schedule for Term 1. As we move through the first six weeks of school, students will add live instruction to their day incrementally in order to build stamina as we work toward the linked schedule. Be on the lookout for an email Friday with details about our ramp up plan.

Asynchronous Open House

On Friday, we will have an asynchronous open house where your family will be able to watch a video introducing students to their new grade. Keep an eye out for an email on Friday!

Looking forward to a great year!
Chloe and Megan