

Teacher Placement

Teacher placement information will be sent electronically on Friday, August 10th. Each teacher placement will be sent electronically throughout the day. These notifications will be sent in a staggered manner throughout the day. Not all families will receive their student's placement at the exact same time. You will receive your child's homeroom teacher placement. In grades 3rd-5th, your child may have a different English Language Arts/Math teacher. If you would like to view the teachers your child may have in ELA/Math, please log onto Parent Portal on August 10th.

I know that finding out your child's teacher is exciting. I encourage parents to be respectful of our staff and limit your social media postings to only positive comments. Asking others questions or sharing opinions on social media about specific teachers can be hurtful and disrespectful. Remember that our staff is committed to our school community, so I ask that you show kindness and respect as teacher placements are shared.

Meet the Teacher

Parking: I am encouraging overflow parking for the 1st-5th grade sessions from the front of our school to park at NAFO parking lot. Please do not park in SCES staff parking lot. We have 101 staff members that need to park in that lot. If you park at NAFO's parking lot, please walk down to the back of our school and we will have staff at those doors. They will open the doors at 3:15.

Meet the Teacher will be on Thursday, August 16th. There will be three sessions for students in grades 1st-5th: the first session will begin promptly at 3:30, the second session at 4:05, and the third session at 4:40. There will be an additional session at 5:10 where you can visit different teachers throughout the school. We will have the doors closed during each session so that the teacher and the group isn't interrupted during the presentation, please be respectful of this procedure. We appreciate your understanding.

Meet the Teacher for Kindergarten students will be on Thursday, August 16th but will begin with appointed times at 10:00. There will be several sessions and your family will be assigned a specific time to visit the teacher.. This information will be included in the electronic teacher placement email.

Meet the Teacher for our Pre-K students will be on Thursday, August 16th but will have two sessions to choose from. The sessions are from 9:00-9:30 and 11:00-11:30.

First Day of School

Our first day of school for students in grades 1st-5th will be on Monday, August 20th. Our Kindergarten students will start school on a staggered start based on their birthdays. Doors will open at 7:10 and you are welcome to walk your child to their classroom until Wednesday, August 22nd. On Thursday, August 23rd (Independence Day) we will begin normal drop off procedures for all students which means students will either be dropped off by bus or will be dropped off in the car rider line. The quicker we can establish these morning procedures, the smoother and easier it is for the students. Kindergarteners will have a separate Independence Day since each child's first day will be staggered.

Independence Day for Kindergarteners will be on Tuesday, August 28th.

Based on birth months, below are the dates our Kindergarten students should begin their first day of school:

- Monday, August 20th- January, February, March
- Tuesday, August 21th- April, May, June
- Wednesday, August 22nd- July, August September
- Thursday, August 23rd- October, November, December
- Friday, August 24th- Full Day for ALL Kindergarten students

Supply List

Supply lists can be found on our schools website: <http://fortmillsces.ss11.sharpschool.com/>

SCES Practices and Procedures

I will be sending out the student handbook on my next email and it will also be included on our school website. Please be sure to read over our student handbook so that you are aware of our school practices and district policies.

Reminders

Our school doors open daily at 7:10 and instruction begins at 7:40. Please be sure to account for traffic and congestion the first week or so. Being on time to school is important for each child to help develop a consistent routine and to start each day smoothly.

Please be sure that all students wear closed shoes each day. Tennis shoes are the best shoes to wear to school. Sandals are permitted but must have a back. NO FLIP FLOPS are allowed at school. For the safety of our students, if incorrect shoes are accidentally worn, parents will be called to bring alternate shoes. Students are constantly moving within the classrooms and play at recess daily, so safe shoes are the best in these environments.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Meet the Teacher! Have a wonderful week!

Teaming together towards excellence,
Mrs. Gritz