Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer. I'm thrilled to be your child's first-grade teacher next school year! I wanted to introduce myself and tell you a little about my experience as an educator. My name is Jen Walsh. The 2023-2024 school year will be my seventh year teaching at Lebanon Borough. I've been teaching elementary school for over 16 years and 13 of those years I've spent teaching 1st-grade. I also have my Master's degree in reading with a reading specialist certification. First grade has always amazed me; the students grow so much during this critical time of investigation and learning. It's my absolute favorite grade! In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, running, hiking with my dog, going to the beach, reading, and attending concerts.

Below are the things your child will need for the first day of school. I've already ordered many things your child will need, including folders, markers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, and dry-erase markers. However, we may need to replenish these items as the year progresses.

I look forward to getting to know and working with you throughout the school year. I know we will have a great year in first grade!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Walsh jwalsh@lebanonschool.org

Some of these supplies may need to be replenished throughout the year.

Your child will need:

- A backpack
- 1 durable plastic pencil box  $(8" \times 5" \text{ is fine})$
- 1 pack of pencils (preferably pre-sharpened)

- 1 box of tissues
- 1 smock with your child's name on it, to be kept in the classroom.
- Water bottle filled daily.
- 1 small healthy snack daily
- 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- A pair of headphones in a ziplock bag clearly labeled with name
- 1 old sock (To use as an eraser for dry-erase markers.)
- Appropriate layers of clothing for going outside. (We will spend a lot of time learning and playing outside!)
- \* Please label everything with your child's name on it.