July 14, 2023

Dear Parents,

 I want to welcome you and your child to our classroom. I hope that you and your family had a great summer. I am looking forward to starting the new school year. The first day of school is Monday, August 21st.

 This is my 17th year at Lawson and my 23rd year of teaching.

 Our academic focus in first grade is reading, writing, math, science, and social studies, while incorporating phonics and handwriting into our daily lessons. I would like your child to read at least 100 minutes each week. You can count the minutes they spend reading their library books with you or any books they have at home.

 The children and I will review classroom, bathroom, hallway, and playground rules the first week of school. Our guidelines are the “Big Three”; Be a Learner, Be Respectful, and Be Safe.

 If your child’s regular route to and from school changes on a certain day, please send a note telling me of the changes or call the office. This will help avoid any confusion at dismissal time.

 Attached to this letter is the Jefferson City School District supply list. There are a few items on the list that we will not use in our classroom this year. As you are buying your child’s supplies, please know that you will not need to purchase any of the items that are crossed off.

 I believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is crucial to your child’s academic success. I will do my very best to keep you informed with what we are doing in our classroom and the school community. I have a class website on the district web page. To get to it go to [www.jcschools.us](http://www.jcschools.us), click on Select a School in the top left corner, then Lawson Elementary. Then click on Classrooms in the top drop down menu, then 1st grade, and then Michelle Wilson. I will send home a newsletter every Friday in your child’s binder. I will let you know everything we are doing in class and events that are coming up. Please call me or email me if you have any questions or concerns. The school number is 659-3175 and my email address is michelle.wilson@jcschools.us.

 I look forward to having a great year and working with your child and you! I can’t wait to meet you and your 1st grader at Open House in August! See you soon!!!!

Michelle Wilson