

Dear Primary Blue Families:

I am so excited to work with you and your child! It's going to be a year full of fun, learning, and adventure, and I can't wait to see what is in store for us. I am most looking forward to diving into books with your child. This year we will strengthen and build our reading skills together. We will experience the written language together through chapter read-alouds, reading to ourselves and to one another, in search of books that captivate us to encourage a lifelong love of reading. In math class, we will implement a hands-on approach, using manipulatives and games along with independent daily work while building a solid foundation in number sense. It is my mission to teach with such passion and dedication that all my students will develop the desire to be lifelong learners.

Some of you may already know me, but for those who are new, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Susan. I have been a part of the North Branch family since my oldest child started in Nursery. She is now a rising senior at Virginia Tech, and I have two other children. My eldest son is currently a rising senior at Nelson County High and my youngest will be joining him at Nelson as a rising freshman. As a family, we have valued the experiences, education, and dedication from the teachers, staff and families in this school community. After several years as a parent of North Branch students, I was eager to join the team and began hosting the Toddler Group on Wednesdays. I had a blast with the toddlers and their parents for four years before joining the North Branch faculty. I enjoyed being a part of the Preschool team for a few years as well as being a member of the Early Primary team. Five years ago I moved to Primary Blue and absolutely loved it. I am thrilled to embark on this journey with you and your child!

I believe a strong relationship between home and school is necessary in creating an atmosphere that encourages curiosity and a passion for learning. I would love to chat with you. Let's keep communication open between us so we can support your kiddo. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns along the way. My contact information and the supply list are listed below. I look forward to a year of discovery and growth built together!



Email: susanb@nbsva.org

School Supplies

Please provide each of the following items for your child:

- Inside shoes—(slippers) comfortable, easy-off-and-on, closed-toe shoes that will stay on feet. (Crocs are a great option.)
- Lunchbox/bag labeled with your child's name
- Water bottle with closed spout—to go home and come back each day labeled with your child's name
- Backpack for items to go home daily
- 1 inch white three ring binder
- 2 packs Crayola 24 pack of crayons—Crayola preferred, labeled with child's name (1 pack will be saved for later until needed)

The following is a list for general classroom use. We will use these items throughout the year. You may bring in one, some, all, or none of these items. . . Whatever works for your family!

- Construction paper, 8 ½ x 11
- Astro bright paper 8 ½ by 11
- 13-gallon trash bags—these are greatly appreciated
- Tissues
- Expo Markers
- Miniature golf pencils with erasers perfect for little hands while naturally encouraging a functional pencil grip

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