

July 2018

Dear First Grade Parent/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! I am pleased to announce that I have the opportunity to be your child's first grade teacher. My name is Mrs. Denise Swander. I am looking forward to a very productive and exciting year at Will Carleton Academy in Room Five. Teaching is and always has been my passion. My goal is to help each child reach their own personal potential.

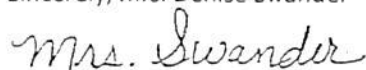
I thought you might like to know a little more about me. I have lived in Hillsdale County all of my life. I have been married for forty-four years to a very understanding man. We have three grown children. They have blessed us with eight beautiful grandchildren of whom I adore. I began my life-long dream of teaching after my youngest daughter was in college.

I have worked in education for eighteen years. I worked in a school as a paraprofessional as I earned my teaching degree. Since then I have obtained my Master's degree. I believe we never stop learning and my goal is to learn all I can to help children grow and mature into fine, respectful and well-rounded adults.

It is my mission to instill a love for learning in my students. I attempt to teach with a passion for my subject so that my students develop a desire to become life-long learners. It is so important to remember how unique each individual child is and how they learn so differently. It will be an amazing journey as the year progresses to see how much they learn. Because you are an integral part of your child's education, I feel home-school communication is of vital importance.

Your child will have a homework folder which will require you to assist your child in completing, especially at first and always initial each night and return the next day. Notes may be included so please read daily. I welcome your comments and questions. Feel free to contact me before or after school or leave a message for me to call back through the office at (517)437-2000. I look forward to meeting you at the Ice Cream Social. Enjoy the last days of summer!

Sincerely, Mrs. Denise Swander



First Grade Teacher-- Will Carleton Academy

Will Carleton Academy
First Grade Supply List
2018-19

- 1 plain backpack or book bag (Please put child's name on it)
- 1 plain lunch pail with an ice pack (Please put child's name on it)
- 1 pair of plain gym shoes with name inside (Either tie or Velcro) (These will remain at school until the end of school year.)
- 1 paint shirt (an old oversized T-shirt from home with name in collar)
- Please put child's name or initials inside their coat, hat and mittens if at all possible.
- 12 or more plain yellow no. 2 pencils (no mechanical pencils and no hand-held sharpeners please—Distractions)
- 1 package of pencil tip erasers
- 1-2 large pink erasers
- 2 boxes of 24 count Crayola® Crayons
- 3-6 glue sticks
- 1 large containers of Clorox® wipes (75 count)
- 3 large boxes of Kleenex tissues
- A ream of copy paper
- One package of plain-(no lines) index cards
- One package washable markers
- One package colored pencils

(I provide a pencil/crayon box, scissors, rulers, index card boxes, etc.)

These items are always welcome and appreciated, but not required by everyone.

- A roll of paper towels
- A box of Band-Aids
- A package of straws
- Stickers

Thank You! ☺
From First Grade and
Mrs. Swander