

Pacote de Boas Vindas à Escola

Welcome to School Packet



Mrs. Jones/Professora Santos

1st Grade

2024~2025

August 1, 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Portuguese Dual Language Immersion program! We are thrilled to have you and your first graders join us on this exciting educational journey. Learning a new language opens doors to endless opportunities, and we are excited to embark on this journey together. We understand that starting a new program can be both exciting and overwhelming, but rest assured that we are here to support you every step of the way. Whether you have questions about the curriculum, need assistance with homework, or simply want to check in on your child's progress, we are always here to help.

Getting to know Ms. Jones

Hello 1st grade families!

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with anticipation for the upcoming school year. My name is Angie Jones, and I am happy to introduce myself as one of your child's first-grade teachers. As a newcomer to the first-grade classroom but a familiar face within the school community, I am eager to embark on this journey of learning and growth alongside your child.

While this may be my first year as a dedicated first-grade teacher, my journey in education has been a diverse and enriching one. Prior to joining the first-grade team, I had the privilege of substitute teaching at our school for several years. These experiences have given me valuable insights into the unique dynamics of our school environment and have instilled in me a deep appreciation for the vibrant community we have here.

Before my time in the elementary school classroom, I pursued my passion for education in a different setting—I taught science and biology courses at a large university in California. This background has equipped me with a solid foundation in curriculum development, instructional strategies, and fostering a love for learning in students of all ages. I am excited to bring this expertise to our first-grade classroom.

As we embark on this journey together, I want to assure you that creating a safe, nurturing, and inclusive learning environment for your child is my top priority. I believe that open communication between home and school is essential for your child's academic success and overall well-being. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or insights you may have—Vanessa and I value your partnership in your child's education immensely.

I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of your children and witnessing their growth and achievements throughout the year. Together, we will create memorable experiences, foster a love for learning, and lay the foundation for a bright future ahead.

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of being your child's first-grade teacher. Here's to a fantastic year filled with laughter, discovery, and endless possibilities!

Getting to know Professora Santos:

Hello dear parents,

My name is Vanessa dos Santos, and I am absolutely thrilled to share that I am now the 1st-grade teacher for the DLI program here at Sunrise! While I previously taught 6th grade, I am excited for this new adventure with your young learners and looking forward to working with some of you again!

For the parents that don't know me yet, I am originally from Maringá, a charming city nestled in the southern region of Brazil, but it looks nothing like Smithfield, the stunning mountains here still take my breath away, even after all these years.

Teaching holds a special place in my heart, especially when it comes to working with children. Though I don't have any of my own, all my students occupy a special space in my heart. In fact, I often refer to them as "my kids," leading cashiers around town to believe I have a bunch of them whenever I go shopping for classroom supplies.

Guiding and teaching 6th graders has been an incredibly rewarding experience in my career. Witnessing what they can do with the language has been truly inspiring. But I'm beyond excited to start a new adventure with your first graders! We'll learn Portuguese, Math, Science, and Social Studies, kicking off their language journey with lots of fun and learning.

I am wholeheartedly looking forward to working with all of you and your children. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. I am confident that this year will

be filled with growth, learning, and countless memorable moments for us all!

Sincerely,

Professora Santos and Ms. Jones.

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TEACHER PARENT COMMUNICATION

We use Remind to communicate with all of you as a group. Remind is a fantastic tool for parents to stay connected with their child's teachers. To get started, simply download the Remind app from your app store and create an account. Once you've done that, you can join our First Grade DLI class with the code **@1stdlipt**. Through the app, you'll receive important updates, announcements, and reminders directly from Mrs. Jones and Professora Santos.

Back to School Night is on August 20th, Tuesday. To ensure you don't miss a beat, here are the scheduled times for your convenience:

- 6:00 - 6:20
- 6:30 - 6:50
- 7:00 - 7:20

School begins on Thursday, August 22nd.

FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST

NOTICE: The items on this list will be used during the regular school day. They may be brought from home on a voluntary basis; otherwise, the school will furnish them.

We don't require any school supplies, but here are a few things we have found very convenient to have throughout the year.

- Water bottles - We allow the kids to have a water bottle at their desk IF it's easy to drink from quickly, is 20 oz or less, has an easy access lid (preferably one that doesn't have to fully screw all the way on and off), and is kid friendly.

We have found with first graders that if we aren't picky about what kind of water bottles they bring, they often become a hindrance and take away from instructional time.

- Fine-point black Expo markers and fine-point yellow highlighters - We use these throughout the entire year, and we go through them quickly. Donations anytime during the school year are greatly appreciated!
- Clorox wipes.
- Tissues.
- Other needs - Throughout the year, we will send out "wish lists" to let parents know any additional supplies we are in need of.

Please write your child's name on all of their belongings, including water bottles!