



## Welcome to RMSEL Kindergarten and First Grade

June 2026

Hello RMSEL Kindergartners, First Graders, and families,

We'd like to briefly introduce ourselves to you!

### **Kindergarten**

Greetings crew! My name is Bailey, and I am the Kinder crew leader #1. This is my fifth year teaching Kindergarten here at RMSEL. I have my bachelor's degree in elementary education from MSU Denver and am currently working towards my master's in literacy education at CU Denver. Over the past 8 years, I have worked in preschool, 1st grade, and Kindergarten. Primary school is my wheelhouse! When I'm not hanging with the youngest RMSELians, I'm attending concerts, playing outside, or turning pages in a good book. I'm excited to meet you all and can't wait for this year's adventures!

Hi there! My name is Kylie, and I am the Kinder Crew Leader #2! This is my third year teaching here at RMSEL, and I can't wait to see what this year has in store for us! I have my Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education from Grand Canyon University. I have worked in preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten - I love being a part of the foundational years that are so important for student growth! I am committed to creating a fun and engaging learning environment. In my free time, you can find me exploring, reading, or anything else creative and outdoors. Welcome to RMSEL! :)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Hello fabulous 1st grade families! My name is Maggie Kelley (she, her, hers), and I have been an educator in Colorado for the past 15 years. I have taught in public, charter, and private elementary schools, and I received my master's degree in early childhood education from the University of Colorado. During my summers, I have also had the opportunity to teach children internationally in Austria, India, Egypt, Brazil, and Colombia. Outside the classroom, I sing in a choir, teach yoga, and love traveling and backpacking. You can often find me cuddling with my two cats, Binx and Cheesecake, and enjoying the Colorado outdoors. I am thrilled to be starting this adventure at RMSEL with you! It's going to be a wonderful year filled with so much joy and discovery!

Maggie Kelley

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## **K/1 Summer Letter - SY '26-'27**

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There are some things you can do over the summer to help prepare for our start date of August 10<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) or August 12<sup>th</sup> (Kindergarten). We will have many opportunities for you to volunteer, and it is extremely helpful for you to be bus driver certified. Information on the volunteer is found later in this packet.

Think you'd like to volunteer on fieldwork or crew trips? Each chaperone will need to help with all students and be committed to working with the whole crew (what is typically called a homeroom), not just your own student. At Back to School Night, you will learn about the Crew Trip Chaperone Selection Process, how we select chaperones, and how you "apply" to be a chaperone.

Classroom visits for Kindergarten will be scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. First-grade open house classroom visits will be scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>. Watch your email for more details to come!

The classroom supply list is included with this letter. Please bring school supplies during your classroom visit, should you choose to attend, or on the first day of school. This will allow teachers to organize and inventory supplies before the first day of school.

We are looking forward to seeing each of you in August!

Bailey Strickland, Kindergarten Crew Leader

Kylie Connolly, Kindergarten Crew Leader

Maggie Kelley, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Crew Leader



## CLASSROOM SUPPLIES for all, not labeled

- (1) Sketch books (8½ by 11 or 9 x 12 only please)
- (1) **Primary lined** composition notebooks (8 ½ x 11)
- (1) Pack of Play-Doh
- (1) Tissue Box
- (2) 12-pack markers (one skinny and one fat)
- (1) 12-pack of color crayons
- (1) 10-pack of pencils, **pre-sharpened**
- (2) pack of glue sticks
- (1) 12-pack of colored pencils, **pre-sharpened**
- (2) Pack of **black** dry erase markers, (one skinny, one fat)
- (1) Scotch tape rolls
- (1) Disinfecting wipes
- (2) pronged folders, one purple
- (1) box of only red crayons
- (1) pair of kids safety scissors
- (1) pencil box

Last Name A-M:

- Ziplock bags (1 gallon and 1 sandwich)
- 1 pack sticky notes

Last Name N-Z:

- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
  - 1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue
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**PORTFOLIOS:** Please make sure you purchase a high-quality portfolio (3-ring binder) as they easily break with so much use over the year.

- 1.5" **white** portfolio – please make sure the portfolio has a **plastic cover for an insert**
- 2 Packs of 50-page protectors

\*Kindergarten only\*

- 1" **white** binder
  - We will use a binder separate from the portfolio binder for our EL curriculum, so two binders will be needed in total.

*Optional Donations:*

- Colorful dry-erase markers
- Colored cardstock
- Packaging tape/Masking tape
- Band-aids
- (1) pack of cardstock- white
- Big pencils, colored pencils, crayons, and markers
- Erasers (pink pearl)
- Teacher felt-tip pens
- Healthy snacks
- Sharpies ultra fine and regular
- Regular black markers
- Popsicle sticks
- Food coloring
- Crayola Colors of the World Colored Pencils
- Crayola Colors of the World Crayons
- Crayola Colors of the World construction paper
- Office labels
- Name tags (preferably reusable)
- Magnetic clips for white boards
- Roll of magnetic tape