

Dear students and families,

**Welcome to Grade 1!** I hope you are excited about the new year, I sure am! We are going to do lots of learning this year, but also have a lot of fun!

Please let me introduce myself - my name is Melissa Snider and I will be your (childs) teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. I am originally from Nova Scotia, Canada. Although my family is still in Canada, I have 2 cute bunnies that keep me company in Ulm. Their names are Watson and Pinot, and they love carrots and apples!

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a focus on Early Childhood Education, and a Master's Degree in International Education. I have taught EYP3-Grade 2, but Grade 1 is my favourite! We get to learn so many fun things, like reading and writing, spending time in nature, and baking! I personally love to read, bake, and be outside, and it's so exciting to share that joy with students.

I am really looking forward to meeting all of you and working together to help your child flourish this year. You know your child best - if there is anything I should know about your child (how they learn best, likes/dislikes, routines that work really well), please feel free to contact me via email so that we can be united on your child's learning journey. If you have any burning questions about the first few days of school, please do not hesitate to reach out. There will be more detailed information about our program, homework, and classroom routines at our Back to School Night on September 3rd.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you all on August 19th!

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