



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I am so excited for my 2nd year at Riverwood Academy as a Second-Grade teacher. I graduated with my degree in Early Childhood Education in the spring of 2002. I then taught a year in PreK and a year in kindergarten before choosing to stay at home to raise my children. In 2023 when we moved from Ohio to New Hampshire, I re-entered full time work. I started with PreK again at the Merrimack YMCA, and then I taught Kindergarten at Gossler Park in Manchester before coming to Riverwood.

When I'm not at school, I enjoy taking walks with my husband and my dog, Blazer, or drinking unsweet iced tea and eating chocolate chip cookies. ☺

In our classroom, we will focus on developing strong academic skills while also learning the importance of kindness, responsibility, and respect. Below you will find some expectations and requests that will help our classroom to run smoothly. Thank you for your help in these areas.

Supplies

-In addition to the 2nd grade list, please provide the following items that are specific for my class:

- (1) ½" 3-ring binder
- (2) 3 oz Playdoh containers
- (1-2) sketch pads (available for \$1 at Walmart)

- Because your child's supplies (except the colored pencils) need to fit in their box, please only purchase an 8-16 count crayon and an 8-10 pack of wide markers.

-Each student should put his/her name on his/her pencil box and scissors and folders.

- Extra dry erase markers will be kept separately under each student's name for use as they need them throughout the year.

-Any extra supplies like pencils or extra glue sticks that don't fit in a student's pencil box will

-We always take donations of extra dry erase markers for classroom use. They love dry erase markers, and we use them a lot for phonics and math as our table tops are dry erase.

-Only supplies from the list, please. To help our classroom run more smoothly with less distractions, please do not send anything other than what is on the class supply list. No extra or special pencil cases, no permanent markers, no neon dry erase markers, no special pens or pencils or erasers. No tape or stapler or pencil sharpeners. I know it sounds harsh, but they really just become a distraction. Your student will be able to complete all the class assignments with just the class supply list.

No Toys

No toys are allowed at school. Items clipped on a backpack that stay on a backpack are fine. No fidgets from home.

be placed in the community shared bins for use by all students as needed.	
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Extra Clothes

It is very helpful for each student to have a small bag of extra clothes left at school. Accidents happen, and students are thankful when they have a change of clothes available.

Breakfast

Please have your student eat breakfast before coming to school. Students have a really hard time focusing on learning when they are hungry.

Snacks

Students will have the opportunity for a snack break in the afternoon. The break is only 10 minutes so students are only allowed one snack. It is most helpful if their snack is separate from their lunch so they can just take out their snack at snack time.

Sneakers

Reminder: students must wear sneakers for our PE classes.

Water Bottle

Please send a clean, full water bottle to school each day. Having a water bottle in class keeps them hydrated and prevents trips out of the classroom to the water fountain. Please send a water bottle that does not spill and/or leak easily.

Bathroom Breaks

Students are given the opportunity to go to the bathroom before and after teaching times. During a lesson, students will be asked to stay in their seats and wait until the lesson is complete to avoid disruption. Lessons are never more than 30 minutes.

I believe that communication between home and school is important. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at apavlic@riverwoodacademy.org or through the school portal. I will also send regular updates about classroom activities and important events.

Looking forward to a great year together,

Amanda Pavlic

Attached to this letter:

- UFLI parent letter
- Classroom Wishlist

Dear Families,

This year, our class will be using **UFLI Foundations**, a research-based program developed by the University of Florida Literacy Institute, to support your child's reading and spelling development.

UFLI is designed to help children build strong foundational literacy skills through **systematic and explicit instruction**. Lessons focus on:

- **Phonemic Awareness** – hearing and working with sounds in spoken words
- **Phonics** – connecting sounds to letters and spelling patterns
- **Fluency** – reading accurately, smoothly, and with expression
- **Vocabulary & Comprehension** – understanding word meanings and making sense of what is read

Each day, your child will participate in short, engaging lessons that include saying sounds, blending words, spelling practice, and reading connected texts. This structured approach ensures children are not only learning *how* to read, but also developing the confidence and strategies to become independent, successful readers.

You can support your child at home by:

- Listening to them read and celebrating their effort
- Reviewing any practice sheets or reading materials sent home
- Playing simple word and sound games
- Encouraging a love of books by reading together daily

We are excited to partner with you in helping your child grow as a reader and writer. If you are interested, UFLI has a whole parent hub on their website. If you have any questions about UFLI or how to support your child at home, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Together, we can make reading an enjoyable and empowering journey for your child!

Warmly,
Mrs. Pavlic

class WISHLIST

Never Expected --- Always Appreciated!

- Sidewalk Chalk- lots and lots of sidewalk chalk. They love it during recess!
- Recess toys- sports or rubber sports balls, jump ropes, foam discs (frisbees), hula hoops (used is fine)
- Air Dry Clay for End of Year Project- we use lots of blue, green, and brown for habitats
- Extra Playdoh
- Playdoh cutters and tools (used is fine)
- Paint brushes (used is fine)
- Tempera paints (open is fine)
- Playdoh
- Dry Erase Markers
- Clorox Wipes

Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1FPXY24BSRS3D?ref_=wl_share