

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Hello Field School Families,

Welcome to Field School! I am excited to teach your students and get to know your families better this year. We are so lucky to be a part of this unique program.

I graduated from Northview in 2004 and attended Hope College for my degree in Integrated Science for Elementary Education. While teaching, I earned my Master's of Social Work degree from Western Michigan University, focusing on interpersonal practice and school social work. I completed additional studies in English as a Second Language and am currently taking courses in Educational Leadership.

This year will mark my sixteenth year in education and my sixth year with Field School. I have served in a variety of roles throughout my career, but Field School is my passion. I love guiding students through experiencing the outdoors and all it has to offer. It is so much fun to watch our students grow into the learners and people they were made to be. Field School is a truly unique experience for kids that gives them an opportunity to be fully seen by their peers and instructors as we learn in our "family" setting.

I am so thankful for a group of parents who are understanding, flexible, and dedicated to the education of our students. Attached to this letter you will find a supply list of items that would be helpful for your student to have at school. If you are unable to purchase all of these items, we will make sure your student has what he/she needs to be successful in Field School.

Please feel free to contact me at [jrykse@nvps.net](mailto:jrykse@nvps.net) with any questions you may have. I will do my best to reply within a timely manner.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you soon!

Jenna Rykse



## 1st/2nd Grade Field School Supply List

<p align="center"><b>Individual Supplies-</b> To be kept in desk or at hook <b>*These items should be labeled with initials or name</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Community Supplies-</b> To be distributed to students as needed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full size backpack</li> <li>• Lunch bag/box (Preferably a zero waste container such as a Bentgo Box)</li> <li>• Durable zippered pencil pouch (no hard cases)</li> <li>• Crazy Creek Camp Chair/ Stadium Seat</li> <li>• Baseball Cap or Sun Hat</li> <li>• Clipboard</li> <li>• 2 inch 3-ring binder with clear sleeve on front</li> <li>• 24 pack of colored pencils</li> <li>• Box of 10 pre sharpened Ticonderoga #2 pencils</li> <li>• 1 red folder</li> <li>• 1 blue folder</li> <li>• 1 green folder</li> <li>• Reusable Water Bottle (suggested: 1 liter Nalgene with sip guard)</li> <li>• Rain jacket <u>and</u> rain pants <i>or</i> Oaki Suit (suggested brands: Colombia, Marmot, North Face, REI, Patagonia for quality and warranty)</li> <li>• Rain boots/boots for the stream (West Oakview)</li> <li>• Optional: Waders for West Oakview</li> <li>• Snow gear (snow pants, winter coat, heavy duty: waterproof mittens/ gloves, warm hat)</li> <li>• Winter Boots- to keep feet warm <u>and</u> dry (suggested: Boggs rated for cold weather)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pack of 4 dry erase markers- thin/black</li> <li>• Pack of 12 pre-sharpened pencils</li> <li>• 1st grade- Clorox wipes</li> <li>• 2nd grade- 1 box of tissues</li> </ul>

\*If you need help finding any of the items listed above, or are unable to purchase them please reach out to a Field School staff member.

