



Dear Lower Elementary parents,

Welcome back to Atala for the 2024/2025 school year. We are very excited to be starting our new school year! We hope to see all of you at our Open House on Friday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The first day of school is Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We would like to address some common questions before then.

Elementary class time begins at 8:00 a.m. During the school year you may drop your child off from 7:45 to 8:00 at the wrought iron “dog gate” on the north side of the building. Staff will be there to receive incoming students. Dismissal for those not staying for Extended Care or Study Hall is from 2:45 to 3:00 pm at the same gate. Children staying after 3:00 pm will be taken to study hall.

All the Lower Elementary students will need a backpack. This will make it much easier to transport all their work and belongings. We do provide pencils, crayons, scissors, folders, etc. However, your child may want to have his or her own colored pencils or other supplies. It is fine to send those in. Each child will have a space for their belongings. They will need a lunchbox. There is no refrigeration, so please keep this in mind as you pack the lunch. Students will also need an Atala purple T-shirt for field trips. This can be purchased from Ibiley online at <https://www.ibiley.com/dresscode.aspx?ar=AR07ATALAM&dp=PK-8>.

Our Fall Parents’ Night will be Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. We will be going over the homework and classwork schedule, Study Hall, lunches, physical education, and much more. This is a very important evening, so childcare will be provided. Please let the office know if you will need to take advantage of the childcare.

We will answer any other questions that you may have at that time. We can’t wait to see all of you!

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