

What has been your favorite thing about the start of this new school year?



My favorite thing about school is when I come and see Mrs. Edwards in the morning.

Hailey Hagy, Kindergarten, Hilton Elementary School, Mrs. Edwards

My favorite things about school are snack and recess. We play gymnastics at recess.

Emma Belmonte, 1st grade, Hilton Elementary School, Mrs. Light

We are having a great time in second grade. Related arts class is fun, and math is fun too. I'm having fun in art. This is the best school year ever.

Colton Ball, 2nd grade, Rock Springs Elementary School, Mrs. Charlton

My favorite thing this school year is math. I like math because it is cool.

Aiden Dougherty, 2nd grade, Nickelsville Elementary School, Mrs. Gilmer

My favorite thing about the start of this year is that I like to meet my new classmates. I like to meet my new teacher too. I also like the school lunches.

Luke McConnell, 2nd grade, Hilton Elementary School, Mrs. Rhoton

My favorite thing this school year is reading.

Natalie Summey, 2nd grade, Nickelsville Elementary School, Mrs. Gilmer

Lunch has been my favorite part of the new school year because I can sit down and talk to all my friends. Also, at lunch I can see my sister. Another thing is I am packing my lunch, so this year I get a delicious treat every day. I love lunch and I think so far this school year has been spectacular.

Kelly Quillen, 3rd grade, Hilton Elementary School, Mrs. Crawford

I know this school year will be amazing! First, I love our new clubs this year. We have many things to choose from. Including art, chorus, reading, and physical education. I love these new clubs. Next, I love first grade buddies. We pair up a fourth grade student with a first grade student. You get to choose your buddies and help

them. Now, I love our new teachers. I absolutely adore them. They are nice and funny teachers. When you have an opinion, they will listen. They teach very well. This is how I know this will be the best school year ever.

Aya Bowen, 4th grade, Miller Perry Elementary School, Ms. Jeffers

I know this school year is going to rock. My favorite thing about the new school year is seeing old friends and meeting new friends. Another great part of a new school year is recess because you get to hang out with all of your friends. My most favorite part of this new year is being a peacekeeper. It's where you get to help keep the hallway safe. The best part is going back-to-school shopping. You get to buy a new backpack and pencils, glue, scissors and new sneakers. Then on the first day you get to organize all of your stuff and it's only half a day. It's great going to Miller Perry.

Landon Covely, 4th grade, Miller Perry Elementary School, Ms. Jeffers

Ring, ring, ring! Before I knew, it was another year, my fourth grade year! I was so excited to see all of my friends. Just then we had to go to the classroom and there were my teachers. I had missed them a lot this summer and I was so excited to see them again. I love my teachers. They are awesome to hang out with, give great hugs, and even help me learn, just like that. They are so sweet. I love my school and I love everybody there. Well, I think it's time to start my fourth grade year!

Jade Williams, 4th grade, Hilton Elementary School, Mrs. Crawford

A little over a week ago, I started a new school year, in a new school, with a new start. My favorite thing about the new year is band. You get to try out all of the band instruments, such as oboe, saxophone, and the French horn. Ms. King, the band director, is the sweetest, and kindest person you'll ever meet. She teaches you about the history of the instruments, and how to play it. I also like language arts. Ms. Johnson is great! I'm looking forward to a great year.

Virginia Bledsoe, 5th grade, Rye Cove Intermediate School, Mrs. Johnson

My favorite part about the new school year was getting to see my friends. First, I liked hanging out and talking about their summer break. Then, we got to play games outside. At the end of the day, I thought that I couldn't wait to start a new school day. It was really fun getting to see my friends at the start of the new year.

Kiersten Collins, 5th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

My favorite thing about the new school year is science with Mrs. Qualls. We do a few experiments. We take a lot of notes. We make science notebooks. That's my favorite thing about the new school year.

Leland Garcia, 5th grade, Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Webb

The best thing about the start of this school year is making new friends and having new teachers. The teachers are really nice, and they help you out when you are confused with a question or having trouble with a problem. Making new friends makes me happy and they make me laugh. This is the best part of this new school year.

Harmony Brown, 6th grade, Pennington Middle School, Mrs. Goins/Mrs. Edwards



What has been your favorite thing about the new school year? Mine is being in sixth grade. I have the chance to be on committees. In September, we are having a back to school dance. Plus, I know as this year starts, I'm almost in middle school. This is my favorite thing about the new school year.

Brooklyn Collins, 6th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

My favorite thing about the start of this new school year is library, gym, and math. My favorite thing about library is Mrs. Johnson, reading, writing, and newspapers. My favorite thing about gym is I like playing dodgeball. I love Mrs. Fannon. She is so funny and she dances a lot. My favorite thing about math is I like Mrs. Pendleton. She's funny and cool. I like math. These are my favorite things about this school year.

Katie Hall, 6th grade, Powell Valley Middle School, Ms. Johnson

My favorite thing about the new school year is making new friends. Most of them are in my class and they're nice and funny. Some of them are not in my class so we hang out at recess. I also talk and hang out with my old friends. I make new friends almost every year but this year I've already made so many new friends.

Kaylee Oaks, 6th grade, Shoemaker Elementary School, Ms. Garrett

My favorite thing about the start of this new school year is that we get to do many things on our own. First, we are allowed to walk to lunch all by ourselves. Before we had a teacher leading us to lunch. Now, a bell rings and we just walk down to lunch. Next, my favorite new thing about this new school year is we get to sit with whoever we want at lunch. I like this, because before we had to sit with our homeroom, if we liked it or not. This allows you to sit with your friends and enjoy lunch. We also go to the cafeteria instead of having to walk to the gym in the mornings. Finally, when the morning bell rings, we just go to class. Maybe growing up isn't that bad after all.

Brandon Kelly, 7th grade, Powell Valley Middle School, Ms. Johnson

There are multiple reasons for the new school year to be praised; reconnecting with old friends, a hunger for new knowledge, or maybe because you're just tired of being at home, but to me a new school year means new beginnings. Each year, students seem to find themselves in unexpected situations, which is perfectly normal because, frankly, nobody is perfect. When a new school year begins, you get to move on from last year's mistakes and work to better yourself for the future. What I like most about the new school year is quite simple: opportunity. Opportunity to expand not only your education, but also your outlook on life. Take this new school year to better yourself, and you may even find that you learned a bit throughout the journey.

Morgan Bourn, 8th grade, Surgoinsville Middle School, Mrs. Hensley

The beginning of a new school year is always fun because you get to experience things you didn't last year. Experience will always help you grow and learn as a person. For example, last year in science, I learned about the different types of rocks and genetics while this year, I'll be learning about chemistry. While they're both different topics, it expands my knowledge so I can be prepared for the years ahead of me. The different topics all tie together and will strengthen my knowledge, preparing me for the years ahead. My favorite thing about this school year will be and always has been the experience.

Aryanna Dykes, 8th grade, Surgoinsville Middle School, Mrs. Hensley

My favorite thing about this new school year is the classes. They are challenging, which makes it more fun for me, because I like to think. Math class is the most challenging for me, but the teacher makes most things easy to understand. The classes this year are also more fun; I think the teachers play a big part in that. This is what my favorite thing about this new school year is.

Elizabeth Sanders, 8th grade, Pennington Middle School, Ms. Clark/Mrs. Edwards

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