

Ready, set, school

A new school year brings plenty to look forward to, and local kids have no shortage of answers. From reuniting with friends and meeting a new teacher to showing off a new backpack, decorating a locker and getting back on the ice for hockey season, students are ready for what's ahead. We asked local kids what they're most excited about this school year — here's what they had to say.



"New teacher"

Osa Johnson, 7 1/2, second grade at Birch Lake Elementary School



"Friends"

Connor Eriksen, 10, fifth grade at Matoska International



"My friends"

Bennett Selix, 8, third grade at Vadnais Elementary



"New school"

Alaina Tristani, 8, third grade at O.H. Anderson Elementary School



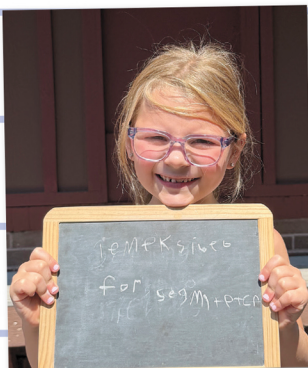
"Hockey season"

Olive Holvig, 15, 10th grade at White Bear Lake High School



"Decorating my locker"

Rose Holvig, 11, sixth grade at Mariner Middle School



"I am excited for September"

Vivian Gilbert, 6, first grade at Eagle Point Elementary