



Dear Parents:

We would like to welcome you and your child to a new school year. First Grade is a time of dramatic physical, cognitive and social development. It is the foundation year for your child's academic learning. Working together we can give your child the support and encouragement needed for a successful year.

REMINDERS: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- It is necessary for your child to bring a sturdy backpack to school each day. This will help your child develop organizational skills and a sense of personal responsibility. We suggest that your child accompany you to purchase a backpack to be sure that it is easy to carry, open and close. The contents of the pack will not be heavy; therefore, we prefer no rolling backpacks. If your child is bringing a lunch, a sturdy lunch box is also needed.
- Clearly mark all supplies and belongings that will be brought to school with your child's name and room identification (1N, 1W, 1R, 1V). This will save time and alleviate many difficulties that occur when belongings are misplaced.
- Our first graders will have time for a **quick snack** in the afternoon. We suggest a healthy snack, this way we are reinforcing the good eating habits learned at home.



- All birthdays will be acknowledged, including those during the months of July and August. Children with birthdays in the same month will celebrate together. A schedule will be distributed in September of days for birthday celebrations. Room Reps will coordinate refreshments for the party with the respective families.
- Homework assignments will be sent home Monday through Thursday.
- When sending money to school for lunch or special activities, **please be sure to place it in a secure, clearly marked envelope.** Problems that arise when money is not secured are very distressing to young children and time consuming for everyone.
- Please do not allow your child to bring toys, games, trading cards, or anything valuable to school. These items can be distracting and may become broken or lost.
- Now is the time to teach your child how to tie his/her shoes if you haven't already. We cannot emphasize enough how important this is, not only for your child's safety, but also for his or her sense of accomplishment and maturity.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to meeting you in September.

Sincerely,
The First Grade Teachers



First Grade Supply List

Please bring to class the following items during the first week of school.

1. 1 plastic shoe box without a hinged lid (approx. 4"x12", 5.5 quart)
(to hold your child's supplies in his/her desk)
2. 3 boxes (12 per box) No. 2 sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga are best)
3. 1 hand held pencil sharpener with cover
4. 1 pocket folder with horizontal pockets (for homework and notices)
5. A pair of children's safety scissors (Fiskars are best)
6. 2 packs of 24 crayons each
7. 1 8oz. Elmer's liquid glue
8. 5 jumbo size glue sticks
9. 2 sets of Crayola markers, one broad line and one fine point
10. 1 large box of tissues
11. 3 Wet Ones Antibacterial Wipes
12. 1 box Ziploc bags (gallon size)
13. 1 box Ziploc bags (sandwich size)
14. Sketch Book for Ms. Derbin's Art Class - Strathmore, spiral, 9"x12",
100 sheets (available at Value Drug)
15. 1 red plastic 2- pocket folder - for Mrs. Leon's Music Class
16. 1 large box Kleenex - for Mrs. Leon's Music Class
17. 1 small Purell hand sanitizer - for Mrs. Leon's Music Class

Please use a permanent marker to initial all your child's supplies.

Please send in \$5.00 for a student magazine subscription. Remember to write your child's name on the front of the envelope.

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