Dear First Grade Families,

We would like to welcome you to first grade! We are so excited to meet you! We are going to have lots of fun learning together in first grade.

Due to Covid-19, we are unable to have shared student supplies in the classroom. Students will store their individual supplies in their desks. While certainly not required, below is a list of suggested items that your child will need.

- Glue sticks (Also, no liquid glue, please)
- Kleenex (travel size for your child’s desk/personal use)
- Ziplock baggies (any size)
- Earbuds or headphones (unpackage them, make sure they fit your child and bring them in a ziplock bag with their name labeled on the baggie)
- Pencils: wooden/not mechanical (pre-sharpened ☺)
- 1 Pencil sharpener (small standard plastic sharpener with one pencil hole)
- Crayons (standard box ~ no more than 24 in a box)
- Scissors
- 2 Dry-erase markers for whiteboard practice
- Pencil box/container to hold ALL of the items above

To increase the probability that your child will be successful in first grade, we would like to recommend the following activities:

**Learning/Social Behaviors**
1. Learn to tie shoes OR plan on using Velcro closure shoes (teachers will not be tying student’s shoes and/or boots)
2. Practice zipping, buttoning, and snapping clothing
3. Learn appropriate toileting skills
4. Help your child learn responsibility by hanging up belongings and cleaning up play areas
5. Practice sharing and taking turns through board games and free play

**Reading/Language Arts**
1. Practice writing daily: first/last name (using lowercase), letters, and words they know
2. Draw pictures and write a sentence to tell a story
3. Name letters and their sounds
4. Read simple stories with repetitive, rhyming words
5. Visit the library to increase your child’s interest in books

**Mathematics**
1. Practice counting to 100 by 1’s & 10’s and to 30 by 2’s & 5’s
2. Read and write numbers 0-30
3. Simple addition & subtraction facts to 10
4. Find patterns and geometric shapes in real life settings
5. Name a penny, nickel, & dime and name their value
6. Visit math websites such as: ixl.com, funbrain.com, aplusmath.com
Social Studies
1. Use a calendar to:
   * Name the days of the week and the months of the year
2. Point out signs and discuss their purpose

Science
1. Use the 5 senses to explore plants and animals, observe weather

Technology
1. With parental supervision, visit educational websites such as those listed under math and/or

We are looking forward to meeting our new students and parents as well as seeing familiar faces again. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you soon!

~Mrs. Gill & Mrs. Lepper