

Dear Upcoming First Grade Families,

June 2023

Congratulations on completing kindergarten! 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.

You have a fun summer ahead of you and we hope that you will enjoy lots of time with your family and friends. Over the summer, be sure to enjoy some good books and practice mastering your K sight words. We will do **lots** of reading in first grade. ☺

With summer just beginning, it may seem early to think about fall. However, we hope this information will be helpful when it does come time to plan for your child's new school year.

- Stay tuned for more details about Open House in August.
- While certainly not required, some parents like to provide supplies for the classroom. Below is a list of some suggestions for items if you choose to donate. **Due to allergy issues, we ask that hand sanitizer NOT be donated.**
  - Glue sticks (**No liquid glue, please**)
  - Kleenex (we use A LOT!!)
  - Zip lock baggies (any size)

Here are some of the things that will be used regularly and would be helpful. Please open ALL packages (headphones, scissors, etc.) before putting them in your child's supply box/container.

- Headphones/earbuds for Chromebook use
- Pencils: wooden/not mechanical (pre-sharpened is very helpful ☺)
- Crayons (16 count pack or less)
- Scissors
- 2 Dry-erase markers for whiteboard practice
- Pencil box/container that will hold all or most of your child's supplies

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

### **Learning/Social Behaviors**

- Learn to tie shoes **or** plan on using Velcro closure shoes (**very** important one!)
- Practice zipping, buttoning, and snapping clothing
- Learn appropriate toileting skills
- Help your child learn responsibility by hanging up belongings and cleaning up play areas
- Practice sharing and taking turns through board games and free play

### **Reading/Language Arts**

- Practice writing daily: first/last name (using lowercase), letters, and words they know
- Draw pictures and write a sentence to tell a story
- Name letters and their sounds
- Practice kindergarten sight words
- Read simple stories with repetitive, rhyming words
- Visit the library to increase your child's interest in books

### **Mathematics**

- Practice counting to 120 by 1's & 10's and to 30 by 2's & 5's
- Read and write numbers 0-30
- Simple addition & subtraction facts to 10
- Find patterns and geometric shapes in real life settings
- Name a penny, nickel, & dime and name their value
- Visit math websites such as: [ixl.com](http://ixl.com), [funbrain.com](http://funbrain.com), [aplusmath.com](http://aplusmath.com)

### **Social Studies**

- Use a calendar to name the days of the week and the months of the year
- Point out signs and discuss their purpose

### **Science**

- Use the 5 senses to explore plants and animals, observe weather

### **Technology**

- With parental supervision, visit educational websites such as those listed under math and/or [www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com), [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com), [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), [www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

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

~Mrs. Lepper & Mrs. Gill