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Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to First Grade! We hope that your summer has been full of fun family activities and relaxation. We are eagerly looking forward to the start of school and to working with you and your child this year. We firmly believe that with your support, your child will have a successful year in first grade. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

We will be spending the first couple of weeks getting to know your child and reviewing material from kindergarten. We will be very busy exploring our classroom, setting up our behavior guidelines, sharing about ourselves and making new friends. If at any time you would like to set up an appointment to discuss your child, please feel free to email or stop in after school.

The first few days of school are filled with excitement and a bit of nervousness. To manage some of the nerves, we would like to share some helpful hints to make our first few weeks together a success!

- Please pack a healthy snack for your child each day. (fruits, vegetables, pretzels, yogurt etc.)
- Please send your child with a lunch or lunch money. If your child will be purchasing lunch the cost will be \$2.50. **We recommend buying a lunch card for your child so they do not have to carry money each day.**
- Be sure to return the "Going Home Plans" form on the first day of school. Please make sure your child knows his or her going home plans for the first few days. Project M.O.S.T. and after school clubs won't start up right away, so the start of the year may be different than what the children remember from last year. If there is a change to your child's dismissal plan, please use the electronic form on our website or send the teacher a note.
- Please label all of your child's belongings.

- Please be sure that your child has a backpack (book bag) to carry lunch, homework, and a few books or journals. Please be sure it is labeled with your child's name.
- Our classroom can get very warm during the first few weeks of school so shorts, tee-shirts or other cool clothing may be the best option.
- Recess will take place daily. Sneakers and other rubber-soled shoes are great for safe playing and running. We find that it is best to send your child **wearing** this type of shoe each day.
- We will forward a separate schedule of daily specials once the school year begins.
- The first grade teachers have also assigned a list of supplies that we would like to ask you to bring with you on the first day of school. This list is also located on our school website. Don't worry if you have trouble getting anything, we'll have extra in our classroom.

We are excited about this year and we hope you are too! We look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,
The First Grade Team