

Dear First Grader,

Hello! My name is Mrs. Testa and I would like to welcome you to First Grade! I hope that you are enjoying these last few days of summer vacation. This is such an exciting time for all of us! We are going to learn so many wonderful things this year, like how to become great readers and writers as well as how to add, subtract, tell time and even count money! (Don't worry...You'll be great and I am going to help you with it all!)

Here are just a few notes to help us get started on the very first day!

- * Please remember to bring a light snack **every day!** Each morning, we will have a **brief** snack-time. This should include a drink and a **healthy snack** such as fruit or crackers (or what you like best); Please **do not** bring in **candy** or a **full sandwich!** It helps if mom or dad labels your snack separately from your lunch to help you know what to eat for snack ☺

- * Please try to bring in your school supplies by **the end of the first week;** we will be putting them to use right away!

- * We will be outside for recess everyday with the exception of rain, snow or extreme temperatures. Parents, please dress your child accordingly to the season and with appropriate shoes (flip-flops and some sandals can be dangerous as children run through the playground).

- * When bringing money to school, please put it in an envelope labeled with your name and its purpose.

- * Please mark all of your possessions (including sweaters, jackets, etc) with your name.

- * Please have your parents fill out the dismissal form that is found on our school website and return it **on the very first day.** This will help me know how you will be going home on the first day of school.

I hope this information has been helpful, and parents, I am looking forward to sharing this year with you and your child. Working together we will make school a great experience for your child. Enjoy your holiday weekend, and I can't wait to meet you on our first day together!

Love,
Mrs. Testa