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Dear Future 1st Graders,

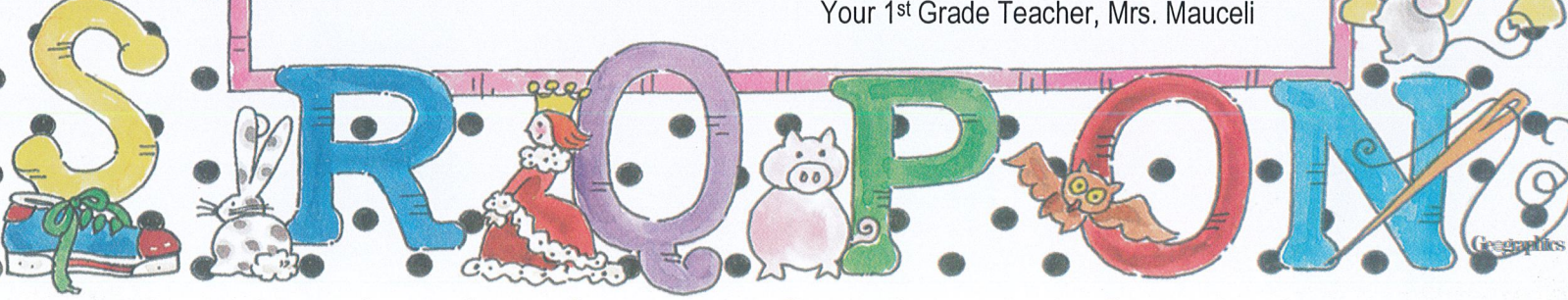
As the end of Kindergarten approaches, I would like to wish you a wonderful summer. I hope you will enjoy time with your family and friends, have some fun vacations, relax, and have a good time. I congratulate you on all that you have learned and all that you have accomplished this year. I'm sure your parents are very proud of you and you should be very proud of yourselves, too! That being said, two months is a long time to be off and it would be terrible for you to forget all of the fantastic things that you have learned in Kindergarten.

I encourage you to purchase your **Summer Bridge Activities** book if you have not done so already. Try to do a little at a time throughout the entire summer to keep your skills sharp. Don't wait until the end of August because then you'll be trying to re-learn everything, and completing it at the end of June before summer starts is not so beneficial either. This book includes all subjects and doing it a little at a time will help you practice and maintain all that you have learned this year. This book is a requirement this year and we ask that you bring the book to us in September. It will be counted as your first grade.

The skills that you have learned in Kindergarten are going to help you become a wonderful reader in the 1st Grade. Over the summer, I ask that you read a little bit **each and every day**. Parents, if your child is not yet reading on his/her own, please read to him/her, perhaps giving him/her the opportunity to sound out words and enhance their beginning skills...practice makes perfect! Please keep a list of all the books that you have read and return that to me in September, too. If you need to attach extra paper then the list we provided, feel free to do so.

I look forward to meeting each of you in September and working together in the 1st Grade. Please review the supply list on the back of this letter so you can be prepared in September. Please follow the list carefully and only purchase what's necessary. I like to keep it simple with the supplies so we can learn to be organized and manage our materials independently. Again, enjoy the summer and be safe!

Your 1st Grade Teacher, Mrs. Mauceli



Parents, I ask that when you are purchasing supplies that you keep it simple. Fancy pencils, crayons, eraser, sharpeners, etc. become a distraction in the classroom. Those “fun” supplies can be kept at home and used for homework or recreational use.

It might be beneficial to pick up extras of things like crayons, markers, etc as it will be necessary to replenish these supplies several times during the year. In the first grade, we tend to use all or most of those supplies on a daily basis. Being unprepared really affects the lessons and I thank you in advance for your attention to that!

1st Grade Supple List:

- A schoolbag (one that doesn't roll, please, they tend to be very heavy even without books)
- Zipit Large/ Jumbo Hard Pencil Box. Please do not get the soft pencil case. Can be found on Amazon.
- A box of 72 Ticonderoga Pencils.
- Small box of crayons – no more than 24
- Colored pencils
- Bold tip markers
- Fine tip markers
- 1 highlighter any color
- 5 Elmer's BIG (22g / .77oz) glue sticks.
- Scissors
- Box of tissues
- Clorox/ Lysol wipes
- Roll of paper towels
- Pack of baby wipes
- 1- 2 pocket folders, any color or design of your choice. This will be used as your classwork folder.
- \$40.00 cash for the following materials that I will be purchasing for you through the school:
 - 2 marble notebooks
 - Plastic Crayon Box
 - Construction paper
 - School folder
 - Planner

Please follow this list closely as there is a need and purpose for all of what we have listed. I ask that you write your child's name or initials on ALL supplies. I again ask that you not buy fancy supplies, erasers, etc. Thank you!