

June 2019

Dear Future 1<sup>st</sup> 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 reading, writing, math, and language skills 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.

The skills that you have learned in Kindergarten are going to help you become a wonderful reader in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 us in September, too. If you need to attach extra paper to the list we provided, feel free to do so.

I look forward to meeting each of you in September and working together in 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 First Grade Teacher, Miss Pascarella

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Supplies

**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 recreation.

***It might be beneficial to pick up extras of things like crayons, glue, 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!

- a schoolbag (one that **doesn't roll**, please, they tend to be very heavy even without books)
- 2 **soft pencil case** - This will hold pencils and erasers.
- **small** box of crayons - no more than 24
- colored pencils
- Bold tip markers
- Fine tip markers
- Pencils (these will be kept at home. Please refill your child's pencil cases as needed during the school year.)
- Highlighter (any color you want)
- 2 Elmer's **BIG** (22g / .77oz) glue sticks (Having extra at home is a great idea!!)
- scissors
- box of tissues
- Clorox/ Lysol wipes (**boys only**)
- Hand Sanitizer (**girls only**)
- roll of paper towels (**girls only**)
- box of baby wipes (**boys only**)
- 1- 2 pocket folders, any color or design of your choice
- 2 book socks for book covers. These work best when covering your books.
- \$30.00 **cash** for the following materials:
  - 2 marble notebooks (blue and pink) (bought from us)
  - Construction paper
  - School folder (bought from us)

Please follow this list closely as there is a need and purpose for all of what we have listed. If possible 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!

\*The children will need an additional folder for Italian class as well as an additional notebook (please be sure that the notebook can fit in that folder) and a folder for Technology (**purchased on your own - not one of the ones I have listed above**). ***Please note that my list does not include the necessary supplies for Art class.***

# 1st Grade Reading Log

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

These are the books that I have read this summer.

I am ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade!!

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\*Pick three of your favorite books and write about them on the next pages. This will be counted as a test grade.

# My Book Review

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you feel about this book?



Draw your favourite part of the book.

