

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to welcome your child to 1st Grade! We are looking forward to our time together. To help make it a successful year he/she will need the following supplies:

book bag	2 boxes of crayons (24 count; 1 for home & 1 for school)	2 bottles of hand sanitizer
pencil bag (not box)	8 glue sticks	2 pairs of scissors (1 for home & 1 for school)
1 ream of white copy paper	1 ream of white card stock	1 ream of light colored card stock
1 12 inch ruler with centimeters	3 canisters of baby wipes	4 boxes of tissues
2 sharpened pencils per day (leave sharpener at home)	3 rolls of paper towels 3 rolls of paper towels	1 black and white composition book
1 box of gallon size zip lock bags	1 box of quart size zip lock bags	3 canisters of disinfecting wipes
<i>Please make sure all the supplies brought by your child are labeled with a permanent marker.</i>		

Attached is the summer packet. This packet consists of reading and math fun activities to help prepare your student for first grade!

Reading:

Reading to your child and letting your child read to you are equally important. When you read to your child you are building auditory comprehension, vocabulary, predicting, listening, and sequencing skills. When your child reads to you, you are building decoding skills and reading fluency. Every book that is read this summer should be written down. Try to read as many books as you can!

We encourage you to sign your child up for the Chicago Public Library summer reading program. If that will not work with your summer plans, either read with your child or have your child read everyday and fill out the book reports about books read over the summer.

Math:

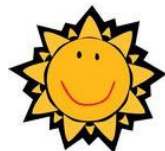
We recommend that you and your child not only do some of the suggested activities in the packet, but that you play math games with your child this summer. Using a regular deck of cards will work beautifully.

Writing:

Additionally, please practice manuscript writing with your child during the summer. When your child is writing, please make sure that he or she is using a top-down letter formation motor pattern. If your child is starting letters on the bottom line and using a bottom-up formation motor pattern, please correct them. Practicing correct letter formation over the summer will reinforce all they learned during school regarding handwriting. Make sure they can hold a pencil correctly. It might be helpful if you purchase a book on manuscript writing. A suggested book is ***Traditional Manuscript by Instructional Fair Reproducible***.

Also, would you please purchase or check out from your local library the book, ***The Kissing Hand***, by Audrey Penn. Please read it to your child the night before the first day of school!

Research shows that some children can lose one to two months of academic skills over the summer and it would benefit your child to provide opportunities to complete the packet of review. Thanks for your support and have a fun and academic summer!



We will see you September 2nd!

The First Grade Teachers