



Dear Parents,

Welcome to one of the most incredible years your child will have in his/her school career! First grade is an exciting time as children embark upon new adventures in the world of learning. You will be amazed at just how much your child will grow this year.

During first grade, your child will learn how to read, write stories, add, subtract, and **so much more**. I hope to make your child's first grade year a fun and exciting one while learning new things along the way. I also hope to instill a love of learning that will last throughout your child's years of schooling.

So much happens in first grade! Because of this, parents as well as children may have some apprehensions about what will happen. It is extremely important to keep in mind that we all build on small successes. Each child will progress at his/her own rate, acquiring and enhancing skills as he/she is developmentally ready. Maintaining each child's self-esteem and building a secure foundation for future growth will always remain a priority in our first grade.

Please look through your child's Take-Home folder each day. There will be important notes, and homework assignments. The newsletter will go home on Mondays with the homework assignments for the week. I will use the behavior sheet to communicate your child's behavior daily. Make sure the folder is returned daily. Your child will put any notes to me in my box and put away their own folder. You may want to remind them to put notes where they belong on my desk. I do go over this daily with them.

Read to and with your child every day. This is the best gift you can give your child. The more your child is exposed to language, the easier it will be for him/her to incorporate new skills in reading *and writing* in the classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. The telephone number is 674-2466. You may also e-mail me at mompcb@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Paige Bennett