Dear Parents and First Graders,

We would like to congratulate all our kindergarten graduates and welcome you to our first grade program. First grade is an exciting year filled with much growth and maturity. Many new responsibilities and experiences may seem a little overwhelming at first, but time and patience will get us through those first few weeks.

We will have an information night in September which will give you a detailed explanation of our program. For now, we would like to pass on some helpful tips that may make the transition easier. Two great words to remember are routine and responsibility. Establish good routines for bedtime, morning, and homework. This will help greatly in you child's transition into new routines at school. Personal responsibility is a big one. They are responsible for much independent work in school this year. This includes many more textbooks and workbooks, and the organization of his/her desk. You will set them up for great success by expecting them to be responsible for unpacking and packing his/her backpack at home, and insisting that all home assignments are the student's work. This summer, please encourage your child to read at least 15min. every day. A summer journal is also a great tool for keeping writing skills sharp. Use it or lose it. Using flash cards to drill addition and subtraction facts is also **strongly encouraged**. A healthy snack and water bottle should be sent on the first day.

We look forward to meeting you in September and reading your summer assignments. We can't wait to see your talents shine!! Have a wonderful summer!

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