



June 3, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to first grade! I am excited to be sending you this letter and am looking forward to working with each of your children.

An excellent way for your child to retain the skills learned in Kindergarten is to review the material during the summer. Below is the work that I have assigned to all rising first grade students.

Reading: Read with your children as much as possible over the summer. Help them to select books that they enjoy reading or enjoy having read to them. I would suggest that you and your child read at least three books a week during the summer. Also, please review the letters of the alphabet (both upper and lower case) as well as the sound associated with each letter. When reviewing the letters, please do it out of order.

As a summer reading and writing assignment, I would like your child to select one character from a book they enjoyed reading and use that character to complete a Paper Bag Character Book Report. The directions for the assignment are attached.

Math: Please practice number identification with numbers from 1 to 100. When reviewing the numbers, please do it out of order. To help your child review and strengthen the information learned in Kindergarten; please complete a Summer Skills Math Sharpener Workbook. It may be purchased at www.summerskills.com. Because this book is designed to be a review of the year that was just completed, please purchase the Kindergarten workbook. The workbook cost is \$19.00. I will randomly pick 5 pages grade them and use the grade as the first math grade for the year.

I have also attached the supply list. Please send the supplies on the first day of school. The paper bag character report is to be turned in on the second day of school.

Please have a safe and wonderful summer! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by e-mail at aashworth@lintonhall.edu.

Warmly,

Annamaria Ashworth



Paper Bag Character Book Report

A “Character Puppet Book Report” is a book report that uses a puppet to represent a character from a story.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Help your child choose a book that is appropriate for their age and understanding.
2. After reading the story select one character and make a puppet to represent that character. The puppet body is to be made using a lunch size paper bag (any color). The remainder of the bag may be decorated using any materials.
3. Have your child bring the book with the puppet to school so that s/he can refer to it when they talk about the puppet and the book with the class. They will explain why they selected the character as well as giving a brief explanation of the story setting and plot.
4. After all presentations have been completed; puppets will be displayed in the hall just outside the classroom.

Cut on the dotted line and glue on the front of the bag.

Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Character's Name: _____

1st Grade Supply List
School Year 2016-2017



1 sheet of labels with your child's first and last name printed in black ink please use font size 16

1 box sharpened pencils

4 black Expo/Dry Erase markers

1 yellow highlighter

48 count Crayola crayons (**no larger than size indicated**)

5" blunt scissors (labeled with your child's name)

4 pocket folders (labeled with your child's name in the upper right hand corner)

4 pink erasers

1" 3 ring binder

10 dividers with tabs to label the dividers

1 package white cardstock

2 black marble composition notebooks (we will label these)

6 large glue sticks

1 can of PlayDoh (5oz.)

1 (8 count) box of washable Crayola thick markers

1 (8-count) box Crayola thin classic markers

2 boxes (12 count) pre-sharpened color pencils (one box will be saved for Authors books)

2 boxes of tissues (1 will be given to Spanish)

2 containers Clorox Wipes (1 will be given to Art)

2 tubs of Wet Ones

1 box quart sized Ziploc bags

Any fun activity book - to keep in desk for free time (coloring books are always a great choice)

1 plastic pencil box (8.5 x 5.75 x 2.5 **no larger than this size**)



1 3 x 5 plastic index card box (labeled with your child's name)

