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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 writing the letters of the alphabet (both upper and lower case) as well as naming the letters and letter 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: A 20 page summer math packet has been assigned for rising 1st grade students. It may be downloaded from the school website. Please complete the packet and turn it in on the first full day of school. I also recommend that you review number identification for numbers 1-100. When reviewing the numbers, please do it out of order. Also important is a sense of what numbers mean and understanding their relationship to one another (before, between, and after.) To practice, say a number (0-20) and have your child show the number by using any type of object. You should also show a number and have him/her write down the number that comes just before and just after it.

I have also attached the supply list. Please drop off supplies on the designated day prior to the start of school. The paper bag character report is to be turned in on the second day of school (our first full day).

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

Warmly,
Annmaria 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: _____