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Dear Parents,

Welcome to First Grade, a year filled with many firsts! My name is Mrs. Donna Piehler and I can not begin to tell you how excited I am to be working with you and your child this year. I believe that a good learning experience is built on a positive and cooperative effort between parent, child and teacher. Please know that I am here for you and I care deeply about my students. I am looking forward to meeting you and growing this year in first grade.

I will strive to create a warm, safe, enjoyable, academically stimulating environment in which your child will grow and learn. I promise to do my best to make sure that all of the children in my care will become successful first graders. We can look forward to a productive, creative and enjoyable year together. Together you and I will work to make your child the best that they can be.

I am hoping to have a Meet and Greet before school starts. Please send me an email to dpiehler@acdnj.org with all your contact information so that I can send you information once I have set up the date and time of my Meet and Greet. I can not wait to meet you and your child.

Open House will be held on Tuesday, September 10th from 6:00-7:30 PM. During that time, I will explain the first grade program in depth. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by email (see above) or by phone 845-486-4970. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

In order for our class to run as smoothly as possible, please take note of the following information:

**BACKPACKS and FOLDER**
Your child will need to bring a backpack to school every day to carry home papers/projects from school. Please check the contents of this backpack daily. Please use a folder for our way of communicating and sending papers, lunch money and notes back and forth.
EMERGENCY CARDS
Please be sure to return all emergency cards as soon as possible in the event that we must reach you. One card is kept on file in the main office and the other card is kept in the school nurse’s office.

LUNCH, WATER BOTTLES and SNACK
We will have lunch every day. Lunch is for 20 minutes. If your child wants to buy lunch please make sure that they have money in their account and discuss their lunch options with them.

Please have your child bring a water bottle and a healthy snack to school on a daily basis. Keeping hydrated is very important throughout the day. Snack ideas might include fruit, veggie sticks, pretzels, granola bar or yogurt. Snack should be packed in a small bag separate from their lunch. There is limited time for snack so one snack will be sufficient.

SNEAKERS
Your child should wear sneakers to school on P.E. days. In order to play on the playground equipment during recess, sneakers should be worn.

SAFETY
For security reasons parents must enter the school through the front doors and sign in with the security officer.

If your child is being picked up by someone other than parents or will not be riding the bus, I MUST have a written note. I cannot release your child to another adult or keep him/her off the bus on your child’s word. Please remember that this is for your child’s protection.

ABSENT
Please send in a written excuse each time your child is absent from school. This is New York State Law. If your child is sick, please keep him/her home to rest.

SUPPLIES
Our First Grade Supply List is available on our website.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and remember to read, read, read! Looking forward to a fun-filled and productive year with your child.

My Best Wishes Always,
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