Dear Parents,

I am delighted that your child and I will be spending the next year together exploring all that we can learn. I can’t wait till school starts in September. We will begin this year by getting to know each other, developing friendships, building our classroom community and adjusting to the new routines of first grade.

School Supplies- See the First Grade General Supplies list on the Overlook website. **Please label all supplies except for glue sticks and erasers** with your child’s name.

**Snack:** We will have snack time every day. Please send in a wholesome, nutritious snack that is easy for your child to eat. Here are some suggestions: fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers, small cup of yogurt, small cup of cereal, or any other healthy idea you can come up with. **No juice - Water only. Please do not send in cakes and candies for school snack. We will have snack time on the first day of school.**

**Birthdays:** Birthdays are definitely a time for celebration. More details to come at Back to School Night.

**Homework:** We have a no homework policy. Your child will be expected to read at home daily and will choose a book from school to read. I will also periodically send home math and reading games that you may do with your child if you wish.

**Reading:** Beginning the first day of school your child will bring home a folder with a book to read each night. Be sure to return the book and folder to school each day. Your child should use this folder to bring notes back and forth to school as well.

**Classroom Economy:** I have a classroom economy. The children will get a salary, have to pay rent and taxes and will have visits to the Puchkoff Mart (our classroom store). I am looking for gently used toys and other items to stock my store. If you are cleaning out your child’s toy box and have items your child no longer uses please consider donating them for our store.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are extremely important to my program. I’d love to have you help us out. I will need Room Parents to help organize parties, trips, and work with the PTA on their projects. I will also need a large number of reading parents to commit to 45 minutes to an hour weekly to listen to children read.

**Miscellaneous:** We have many materials and books to explore in our classroom. **Children are NOT to bring their toys to school.**

I am hoping to have a Meet and Greet before school starts. **Please send me an email** to the address below, 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’t wait to meet you and your child.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Puchkoff

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