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Dear Kindergarten Families,

We are looking forward to working with you and your children next year! We would like to share some activities and ideas to help prepare your child for a happy and successful start in First Grade.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY:

- * Help your child learn to tie shoes.
- * Be sure your first grader is able to fasten and unfasten all clothing, including belts.
- * Encourage your child to start taking responsibility for his/her own belongings.
- * Expect good listening and cooperation from your child. This will also be an important part of our expectation for them as we strive to create an environment conducive to good learning and help them become First Graders.

When school begins, we will take time to get to know your children and help them feel comfortable. We will also assess each child's readiness levels in a variety of ways. The following are some of the areas we will be evaluating:

READINESS TO LEARN:

- * Ability to follow directions
- * Ability to sit quietly and listen at appropriate times
- * Ability to participate appropriately in activities and discussions
- * Ability to focus on work and keep with a task until it is completed

In addition to these readiness areas, we will also be evaluating:

- * Recognition of all the letters of the alphabet, both lower and upper case.
- * Letter sounds
- * Sight word recognition

* Ability to print first and last names using upper and lower case letters appropriately

* Ability to recognize and print numerals 0-20 correctly

We encourage you to read with your child during the summer and make frequent trips to the library and/or book store. Keep a journal of summer fun. Your child will enjoy illustrating and/or writing about his/her adventures and this will be a good way to continue using and developing beginning skills during the summer. Below are some resources you might find helpful throughout the summer!

Reading Apps:

- Raz-Kids
- ISpy Phonics
- The Electric Company Wordball
- Word Wagon by Duck Duck Moose
- Grasshopper Apps
- ABC Mouse
- Smarty pants school
- Education City (must use the rover app on an iPad for flash)
- Starfall
- *Apps with first grade sight words or sight words flash cards

Math Apps:

- Einstein Math Academy
- Kids Math
- Mathmateer
- Peter Pig's Money Coin Counter
- Let's Do the Math
- Mathly Hollows
- *Math addition/ subtraction flash cards

Writing Apps:

- iCanWrite
- IWrite Words
- Popplet
- TeachMe: 1st Grade
- Toontastic

Have a wonderful summer! God bless you!

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