



Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to the big kid yard! We are excited to have your incoming first graders in our 2017-2018 school year. We are looking forward to a great year together. Here are some things you should know for the summer and the first days of school.

Summer Reading: We would love for your child to participate in Mira Vista's Summer Reading Program. The goal for the summer is that your child will read an average of 10 minutes 5 days a week (but more is always better!). Those that participate will be invited to a Reading Celebration at the beginning of the year.

Summer Math: Please practice your math facts, both addition and subtraction, up to 10. Practice counting and writing numbers to 120.

Summer Writing: Practice writing first and last name, ABC's, and if your child wants to keep a summer diary, that would be awesome! Please encourage your child in their oral language development, asking them to respond in complete sentences.

First Day of School: We will meet on the yard on the Room Numbers of your assigned teacher at 8:25am. Parents are welcome to join us in class for the first five minutes as we welcome your child into their new classroom. Your student is welcome to bring a snack to eat during the day. It must be a small, healthy snack, such as a fruit or vegetable. Students are not allowed to drink juice or eat any junk food in class. **First Grade is nut free**, so please don't send nuts with your student! Also, the first day of school is a minimum day, class will be dismissed at 1:45pm. Every other day is a 2:20pm dismissal in first grade, except Wednesdays which is always a minimum day. Please make sure your child's name is on their backpack, lunchbox, and jackets!

Homework: First Grade sends a homework packet once a week, on Fridays, due the following Friday. Your child can complete the packet at whatever pace you feel is right for you. We will send a letter home the first week of school explaining homework in more detail. Please make sure to attend **Back to School Night, September 7** to hear all of the great details for First Grade!

Communication: Please keep your eyes open for an email list that will go out at the beginning of the year. We will also be giving you our Remind Class information as well.

Wish List: If you would like to donate supplies to your classroom, we can always use kleenex, paper towels, disinfecting wipes. Stay tuned in the fall!

Volunteers: We love to have volunteers in first grade! We can always use parents to help us during centers, writing workshop, in the garden, utilizing technology, field trips, and so much more! If you are inclined to volunteer in a specific area, please let us know.

We are really looking forward to meeting you on August 21! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Your First Grade Team