

August 18, 2006

Dear First Grade Parents,

We are very excited that this school year is beginning and look forward to getting to know all of you better over the next few weeks. We have included a few items that you may find helpful.

- **Take Home folder:** Your child will bring home a Take Home folder on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 23rd. Please use one of the inside pockets for dismissal/hook-up notes and any other communication. This folder should come to school every day.
- **Arrival:** Children arrive at school between 7:30 and 7:45. This time is used to complete morning routines and responsibilities before Morning Meeting begins at 7:55.
- **Dismissal:** The first three days of school (August 23-August 25) we will dismiss at 11:30.
- **Books:** Please encourage your child to bring a favorite book to school on Wednesday, August 23rd.
- **Toys:** Toys, sports equipment, and other similar items should stay at home.
- **Snack Calendar:** August snack calendars are enclosed. Please send enough food for 18 students and 2 teachers. Healthy snacks are encouraged. Please refer to the back of this letter for a list of snacks appropriate for first grade.

We look forward to a great first grade year!

The First Grade Team